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'Bill before Christmas' as more robbers fire on police

Hurd speeds up gun control

● As another man was shot dead by the police yesterday, it was announced that the promised Bill to control firearms will be introduced before Christmas

● The Bill's proposals will include compulsory photo-identity passes, a firearms amnesty and a prohibition on high-powered self-loading rifles

● Scotland Yard last night justified the shooting of the robbers as part of its duty to protect the public and its officers, although the death was regrettable

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is to introduce the promised Bill to control the use and possession of firearms into the Commons before Christmas.

The speed-up comes in the wake of mounting concern among MPs at the number of criminal incidents involving guns.

The Bill will have its second reading as soon as business permits when MPs return to Westminster in January after their Christmas break.

Since the Opposition, too, has been urging action on the stricter control of guns and ammunition and has promised co-operation the Bill is expected to become law within a few months.

Definitive proposals to be included in the new Bill will be published in a White Paper next week when Mr Hurd will make a statement to MPs outlining his plans. They will include:

- Introduction of compulsory photo identity passes for those seeking to buy guns or ammunition.
- Declaration of a firearms amnesty next year.
- Prohibition of the right to own high-powered self-loading rifles of the kind used by Michael Ryan in the Hungerford massacre.
- A ban on the possession of burst fire and short-barreled smooth-bore guns.
- Putting pump action and self-loading shotguns under the same controls as rifles and pistols. Effectively their would-be owners will have to prove their need to own the weapons.
- Stipulations that military weapons "converted down" to a lower classification of weapon will remain under the legal restrictions applying to the original weapon.
- New arrangements restricting the present right of visitors to Britain to purchase guns without shotgun certificates.
- A new restriction on owners that shotguns will have to be locked away like rifles and pistols when not in use. A statutory safekeeping condition will be put on all shotgun certificates.

The Government has already raised the penalties for illegal possession of guns in the furtherance of crime to life imprisonment in amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill, now going through Parliament.

The maximum penalty for being in possession of a shotgun without a licence is also being raised to three years in jail.

It is planned that the police will be able to compile registers of shotguns which will give them more knowledge of the guns in existence and make it easier to trace those used in the course of crime.

A further tranche of measures will be announced next week. Ministers have been anxious to press ahead as fast as possible but the Home Office has faced problems of definition in framing the legislation.

One difficulty faced by the Government is pressure from shooters fearful of overdue restrictions on their genuine sporting activities which they expect to see reflected in the Lords.

Mr Hurd has been at pains to demonstrate that a widespread consultation exercise has been carried out and the the interests of sportsmen and gun clubs have received due consideration.

MPs have been alarmed at the number of shooting tragedies after the Hungerford massacre when a gun club member went berserk with a Kalashnikov rifle. Their concern was intensified by two shootings in the past two days in which police marksmen have killed gunmen.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Home Secretary, who has been pressing for the kind of timetable which the Home Office now intends to act upon, said yesterday: "The shootings of the last two days make action on the ownership and use of firearms even more urgent.

"Of course this will not in itself stop the criminal and illegal use of weapons but far tighter laws must make it more difficult for guns to fall into the hands of those who might use them for individual and deadly acts of violence". The number of serious offences involving firearms has increased by 61 per cent since 1975.

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Police shielding the body of the dead gunman with a tarpaulin. One of the cars used by the gang is on the right.

Yard defends shooting of two gunmen in backstreet ambush

By Ruth Gledhill, David Sapsted and Stewart Tendler

Scotland Yard last night justified the armed police operation which left an armed robber dead on a London street and a second wounded when marksmen sprang an ambush on a gang minutes after a raid.

The commander of the police firearms unit was also wounded in the brief gun battle in Woolwich, south London, after the gang opened fire when challenged to surrender. The death came a day after a gunman was shot by West Country policemen and the dead man is the fourth armed robber killed in London this year.

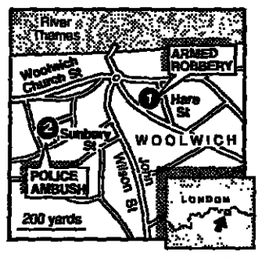
After visiting the scene of yesterday's shooting Mr Brian Worth, Deputy Assistant Commissioner in charge of specialist operations, said: "From what I have seen and heard I have no reason other than to think the action was correct. The operation was authorized and properly carried out. A death is regrettable but we have a duty to protect the public and take measures to protect officers. As long as you have got armed robbers on the streets prepared to shoot you have to take reasonable steps."

Mr Worth, head of all special detective forces at the Yard, spoke as an investigation into the shooting began under the command of Mr Anthony Grey, Assistant Chief Constable of Surrey, and supervised by the Police Complaints Authority.

Mr Grey will examine details of a gunfight which began as the gang of three raiders was about to change get-away cars in Woolwich after holding up a Securicor van collecting takings from a frozen food shop. The raiders found themselves confronted by a team of police marksmen. Scotland Yard's flying squad had organized an operation in the area after receiving intelligence that a robbery was being planned.

The gang opened fire and was met by concerted fire from a line of officers armed with handguns or pump-action shotguns. When the smoke cleared one raider lay dead on the street and the robbers' car was badly smashed. The raiders' haul was put at £5,000 in cash.

Inspector Dwight Atkinson, wounded in the shoot-out.



A trail of spent cartridges led from the bullet-riddled silver BMW used as a get-away vehicle. Side windows and the rear windscreen of the car had been shot out and the doors hung open. A green Securicor bag was also left in the wake of the gun battle.

The robber who opened fire first died in front of the car and another was wounded in the shoulder. A third, uninjured, was arrested. Two robbers were middle-aged and the third is thought to be younger. The gang is thought to come from the Peckham area of south London. Police recovered two revolvers and six cartridges as well as cash.

The marksmen were from the Yard's specialist firearms unit PT17 and the 40-year-old inspector in charge of the unit was hit in the leg. The injured police officer was taken to Brook Hospital, Woolwich, and the injured gunman to Greenwich District Hospital.

The shooting began after the Flying Squad had drafted some 40 officers into the area after surveillance and intelligence work revealed a robbery was to take place yesterday morning. The police did not know the actual target but they did discover the spot where the gang was planning to change cars, and surrounded a row of lock-up garages where the switch would take place.

Shortly before 10 am the Securicor van was held up as it stopped at the Bejam's store in Hare Street, Woolwich. At least one police helicopter was already in the air ready to track the gang's get-away.

Miss Susan Miskin, aged 28, who witnessed the hold-up, said: "I saw two men running. They burst into the Bejam shop. I was walking towards the shop with a daughter of a friend and I just held her close

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50 arrests in cross-border Irish swoop

By Michael McCarthy

Nearly 50 people were arrested on both sides of the Irish border yesterday after the biggest security operation ever involving the Irish Republic.

Thousands of police and troops were involved in the cross-border searches. The operation followed intelligence reports that the IRA had acquired stockpiles of arms huge enough to allow the direct storming of a prison. It is feared the arms include Sam 7 ground-to-air missiles.

Farms, barns, woodlands, outbuildings, homes and garages were searched by 4,000 men of the Garda Siochana, 2,500 men of the Irish Army (a third of the Republic's total security forces), and an undisclosed number of men from the British Army and the Royal Ulster Constabulary, but no major finds had been made by last night. The searches are likely to go on for the rest of the week.

However, "about 40" people, including five local councillors belonging to the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, and at least another 20 members of the organization, were arrested by the RUC in dawn raids and were last night being questioned about "serious crimes".

In the south five people were arrested under the Republic's Offences Against the State Act. In Dublin Garda Special Branch officers raided the Sinn Fein national headquarters and the offices of the Provisionals' newspaper, *An Phoblacht*, and took away boxes of documents.

The operation was planned more than a week ago after specific information that four shiploads of arms were successfully landed in the country – two in 1985 and two in 1986 – was received by the Irish Government.

It followed the seizure by French authorities last month of the IRA arms ship Eksund, loaded with 150 tons of advanced weaponry and explosives, including ground-to-air missiles.

The information about the four previous arms shipments is believed to have come to Dublin from Paris, where the five-man Irish crew of the Eksund are being held after being charged with illegal transportation of weapons for the purposes of terrorism.

The arms that got away are believed to comprise an arsenal of such power and sophistication as to pose a threat not only to the security forces in the north but to the Irish state itself, said the Irish Justice Minister, Mr Gerry Collins.

Mr Collins said yesterday he believed the IRA was planning a large-scale terrorist offensive which might include the storming of the Maze prison in Ulster or Portlaoise jail in the Republic.

But the operation attracted criticism from Ulster Unionist politicians after Mr Collins announced it publicly at a press conference.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists, said: "When there is that kind of official announcement it would tend to alert those who have something to hide. It would have been wiser to have made use of the element of surprise."

Mr Ken Maginnis, Ulster Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, said: "I am led to wonder if this is not a publicity stunt to bolster up a failed Anglo-Irish agreement."

Mr Collins said that the Dublin Government was facing "the biggest threat the IRA has ever posed to the state", adding that there could well now be Sam 7 ground-to-air missiles in Ireland.

Dollar slips again after deficit pact

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Markets were disappointed yesterday with the $76 billion cut in the US budget deficit agreed between President Reagan and Congress on Friday.

The dollar opened lower in London before closing off its worst at DM1.6690, down 1.05 pfennigs.

Wall Street was also lower in early dealings. But London share prices rose on the buoyant economic assessment in the latest survey by the Confederation of British Industry and the FT-SE 100 index closed up 24.3 at 1,657.7.

Markets were disappointed by the composition of the budget agreement and by its provisional nature. Congress now has until midnight on December 15 to pass the necessary legislation

● Mr Michael Bateman, a vice-president and general partner of Kidder, Peabody, a US securities firm, has killed himself by jumping from the window of his Manhattan flat. He suffered huge losses in the market crash.

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Shearson Lehman Brothers and EF Hutton, two of Wall Street's largest stockbroking firms, have started merger talks which could result in the formation of the largest securities house in the US.. Page 25

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Strategic missiles accord forecast

From Christopher Walker, Geneva

Mr George Shultz, the normally cautious US Secretary of State, yesterday backed the Kremlin's confident claim that a new treaty cutting US and Soviet long-range missiles by 50 per cent can be agreed in time for signing at a fourth Gorbachov-Reagan summit in Moscow next year.

His declaration surprised Western experts, who said it was more confident than anything he has said on the issue. A similar prediction made by Mr Viktor Karpov, chief of the Soviet Disarmament Directorate, was said to be based on Kremlin evaluation of President Reagan's enthusiasm for an arms pact

"I think it is possible to get a treaty on strategic arms agreed and ratified in 1988," Mr Shultz said in an interview with correspondents covering the talks here aimed at securing an agenda for the third superpower summit opening on December 7 in Washington.

Although these talks aim to secure final agreement on a medium and shorter-range missile treaty for signature in Washington, a pact covering missiles with a range of over

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3,000 miles would also be discussed, officials said.

Such an agreement would in the words of one Geneva-based diplomat be "infinitely superior" to the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty. "It is a measure of progress in US-Soviet relations that such statements can even be made with credibility," the diplomat told *The Times*.

The US Secretary of State said long-range weapons talks faced three main questions: verification, Star Wars, and the "broad parameters of the whole agreement".

Blanket ban on smoking

Smoking is to be banned throughout the London Underground system after the King's Cross disaster, London Regional Transport said last night.

The ban, already in force on trains and Underground platforms, is to be extended to surface platforms and covered areas outside ticket barriers, Sir Keith Bright, the LRT chairman, said.

A new programme of escalator cleaning throughout the Underground system was also announced.

The chairman of the public inquiry into the King's Cross fire, which claimed 30 lives, was announced last night as Mr Desmond Fennell, a senior lawyer who sits as a judge.

The inquiry's remit will be "to examine the cause of the accident and the circumstances surrounding it and to report on these and any other matters arising".

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Space research to be lost to Britain

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The first reverberations of the Government's decision not to join an expanded European space programme are being felt by British industry.

Several companies have been told that preparatory design work on the space aircraft Hermes, performed under contract for the European Space Agency, will have to be handed over to firms in countries which are continuing to subscribe to the project.

These design contracts, worth £2 million, were preliminary studies on which the firms would then bid for future work worth hundreds of millions of pounds.

The companies have received letters from Mr Jack Leeming, director-general of the British National Space Centre, reminding them that under European agency rules an industry is not eligible for work on projects which the home government refuses to support.

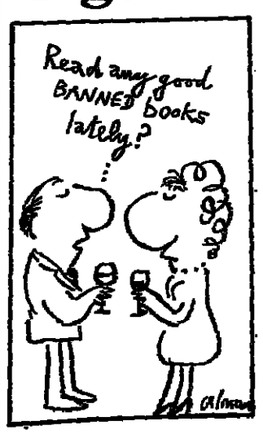
Mr Jay Brewer, space manager for Singer Link Miles, which makes training simulators for aircraft, tanks, submarines and ships, described the instruction as bitter news. His company has been leading a consortium, with partners in France and Belgium, whose design for an astronaut training simulator has been shortlisted.

The UK Space Centre stressed yesterday that the obligation to hand over work applied so far only to study contracts on Hermes. But that list includes computer systems by British Aerospace, instrument displays from Smiths Industries, and flight control systems by GEC Avionics.

Mr Leeming has tried to introduce some hope to the

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Agents should 'take their secrets to the grave'



By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government's legal fight to stop press reporting of Peter Wright's book *Spycatcher* is based on the simple principle that secret service officers must take their inside knowledge "silent to the grave", the High Court in London was told yesterday.

If the Government allowed mass circulation of *Spycatcher* in this country, known to be Peter Wright's best market, it would "strike at the very foundation of an efficient service," Mr Robert Alexander, QC, said.

Mr Alexander, for the Attorney General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, was opening the government case for a permanent ban to stop *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The Sunday Times* and other newspapers publishing material from *Spycatcher*.

The case is contested by the newspapers who are seeking to lift existing temporary injunctions.

Mr Alexander said that in seeking to stop publication of the Wright's memoirs, the government has been exposed to "media ridicule". But the principle was: "Members of the secret service should keep secrets, remain mute about their work and take their knowledge of the service silent to the grave."

Mr Alexander told Mr Justice Scott, the judge hearing the case: "The case for the government is extremely simple. It is concerned to establish the principal that those who work for the security service should not speak or write about their work in public and, if they seek to do so, the media should not assist them by publishing any part of what they say." Although publication of *Spycatcher* had gone ahead in the United States and Australia, where the Government's case for a ban was still in the appeal process, there had still been no mass circulation in Britain.

Mr Alexander, who was opening the government's case in a crowded courtroom with the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong, sitting at the front, said it was important that Mr Wright and his publishers should not be free to sell the book on every stall in the country "without let or hindrance".

Many bookshops, such as W H Smith, wanted to comply with the law and were awaiting the outcome of the present action.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Wildcat strikes cost Ford £7m

A wildcat strike by more than 17,000 hourly-paid workers yesterday cost Ford more than £7 million in lost production as union negotiators told the company a new pay and conditions deal would probably not be enough to settle the dispute.

During talks in London, the company increased its pay offer from 4.2 per cent to 5.5 per cent for the first year of a proposed three-year agreement,rises for the next two years being linked to inflation. Ford offered an additional £35 a year on the pension until the age of 65 for those wishing to retire early. Negotiators also said that men would be paid indefinitely at the full rate if they were laid off. In return, Ford wants to end demarcation and introduce new working practices. Both sides will meet again early next month.

Charity's first aid

The first project to be undertaken by Inner City Aid, the charity which has the Prince of Wales as patron, is the renovation and repair of derelict nineteenth century properties in Lambeth Walk, south London.

The scheme, which will provide local community businesses with workshop, office and retail spaces and living accommodation, will cost £53,000.

It was announced yesterday that the brick manufacturer Blockleys, of Telford, Shropshire, will give £24,000 in sponsorship.

Theatre talks

The Musicians' Union has agreed to talks at Acas, the arbitration and conciliation service, over the threatened strike by orchestra members at theatres in the West End.

Officials have given notice to the Society of West End Theatre that central London members will take industrial action from December 4 unless a solution is reached.

The musicians who play at 14 shows, including *Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats*, *Les Miserables* and *Chess*, want a 40 per cent pay rise, taking their weekly minimum to £300.

Union merger hope

Members of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex), the white-collar union, are expected to vote for a merger with the general workers' union (GMB) when they meet in Scarborough this weekend.

The new union would have a total membership of 890,000 firmly establishing it as the second largest union in the country.

If approved by a conference vote on Sunday, a ballot of all Apex's 80,000 members will be held and the newly merged union could be in existence by the end of next year.

Gift from Sting

The proceeds from a London concert by the rock musician Sting will be given to Schizophrenia: A National Emergency, a charity begun after a campaign in *The Times*, it was announced yesterday.

The concert, at Wembley Arena on December 20, will be in addition to four sold-out performances. Sting's interest in Sane was aroused by Marjorie Wallace, whose series, "The Forgotten Illness", won her the 1986 campaigning journalist of the year award.

Murder charges

A man appeared in court yesterday charged with murdering his former landlady.

Matthew Haywood, aged 26, was remanded in custody until next week by magistrates at Bridgwater, Somerset, charged with murdering Mrs Hazel Noyce, aged 43, whose body was found in a shallow grave in the garden of her home in Bridgwater three weeks ago.

Another man, Andrew King, aged 22, a factory worker who lives in Bridgwater, has also been charged with her murder.

Whitehall swaps rise

Civil Service secondments to industry rose by more than 20 per cent last year. Transfers to industry rose by 51 to 280 and from industry by 32 to 189, Mr Richard Luce, minister responsible for the Civil Service, announced yesterday.

● *Shortages of junior Civil Servants pose a serious threat to* standards of public service among some government departments, notably the Department of Health and Social Security, according to a report, *Reshaping Central Government*, published yesterday. Staff turnover among the lower ranks is running at 30 per cent a year in parts of the south of England.

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Lawson accuses Scots of hostility to enterprise

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

The Scots have become too dependent on the state and adopted a hostile attitude towards enterprise and wealth creation, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said yesterday.

Mr Lawson added his voice to a chorus of senior ministers, including the Prime Minister, who have argued that the Conservative election rebuff means that Britain needs more Thatcherism, not less.

His remarks were a rebuke to Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Conservative MP for Kincardine and Deeside, a former energy minister and one of the 10 surviving Scottish Tory MPs, who last Friday condemned ministerial suggestions that the Scots should "stop moaning" and swallow ever stiffer doses of the same policy medicines.

Mr Lawson said that the Scottish economy had made great advances under Conservative rule. It was puzzling that its greatest detractors were the Scots themselves.

"But despite the undoubted success so far, there is still a barrier along Scotland's road to prosperity. That barrier is the pervasive presence of a hostile attitude to wealth creation, to the enterprise culture on which economic success in a free society depends.

"That is not to say there is no enterprise in Scotland: of course there is. Rather that it is frequently swamped by an overriding sense of dependence on the state. Large areas of Scottish life are sheltered from market forces, and exhibit the culture of dependence rather than that of enterprise", Mr Lawson told businessmen in Glasgow.

Treasury sources dimissed suggestions that his comments presaged a reduction in public sector support for Scotland.

In a Commons debate on a Liberal motion calling for a devolved Scottish parliament elected by proportional representation, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, was embarrassed when a speech he made supporting devolution was read by Mr David Steel.

Mr Rifkind, who sat blushing as a the Liberal leader quoted from the speech he made 12 years ago, argued later that he saw certain theoretical attractions in an assembly, but that the overwhelming view of industry and commerce was that an assembly with powers to levy taxation would damage jobs, industry and national economic interests.

Mr Lawson said: "I do not think a Scottish assembly would bring any benefits at all, unless you want higher taxation".

Mr Lawson said Scotland's success could be gauged from a growth in manufacturing productivity of 5 per cent a year from 1979 to 1986, compared with 3.75 per cent nationally. Unemployment, down by 30,000 this year, was falling fast.

Health and safety experts examine Tube fire asbestos

By Tony Dawe

Experts from the Health and Safety Executive have been called into the King's Cross disaster inquiry because of the presence of asbestos in the Underground station, the executive disclosed yesterday.

The scientists are advising the inquiry team on what to do about the asbestos exposed by the fire, which killed 30 people, and are taking air samples to see if the investigators need protective clothing to carry on their work.

The discovery of asbestos briefly halted the fire-fighting operation on the night of the disaster but checks then revealed the levels of asbestos to be low.

The investigators are still concentrating on the mechanism of number 4 escalator and a preliminary report on their findings is expected to be released today at the opening of an inquest on the victims.

Dr Douglas Chambers, the St Pancras coroner, visited King's Cross yesterday to see the scene of the disaster for himself and to talk to the inquiry team.

Nine people were still in hospital last night, and one of them, an unnamed middle-aged man, was giving doctors at University College Hospital "cause for concern".

Two other people, Miss Mariella Santello, an Italian au pair, and Mr Ron Lipsius, a guitarist, remain in a "critical" condition in intensive care, while the other six patients are said to be "stable".

British Transport police investigating the fire have dismissed the evidence of a commuter who said he saw smoke coming from the escalator more than an hour before the blaze erupted.

An officer told *The Times*: "He gave a false name and address and when we tracked him down we discovered he was known to the police for fabricating stories."

● The committee of inquiry into the King's Cross disaster will be failing in its duty if it does not call before it ministers and senior management from the London Underground system, a Labour spokesman said last night (Robin Oakley writes).

In a controversial speech which came close to blaming government expenditure cuts for the tragedy and which appeared largely to prejudge the investigation, Mr Frank Dobson, Labour's shadow Leader of the Commons and whose Holborn and St Pancras constituency includes King's Cross, called for the inquiry to "feel some famous collars".

He said that it must look into the wider issues of the safety of the London Underground system and the implications of proposed changes in staffing.

He complained that the inquiry into the Herald of Free Enterprise ferry disaster had pinned the blame on three people "at the sharp end", letting company chiefs and ministers "off the hook". No one would be satisfied if the King's Cross inquiry "pointed the finger" at a cleaner or ticket collector or maintenance fitter.

In his speech, delivered at North Westminster School, Mr Dobson said: "If the inquiry doesn't go all the way to the top we will all know it's just another establishment whitewash. If no minister or former minister is required to give evidence we will know the inquiry is not doing its job properly."



Mr Neville Austin, who had hoped for a career in banking.

Paralysed cyclist wins £700,000 damages

Neville Austin, aged 21, who suffered spinal injuries when he was knocked from his bicycle five years ago was awarded a record £700,000 damages in the High Court in London yesterday.

Mr Austin, of South Eden Park Road, Beckenham, Kent, was left almost completely paralysed and is confined to a wheelchair, although he has learnt to drive.

The accident happened in July 1982 on the A21 near Sevenoaks, Kent, when Mr Austin was about to start studying for his A levels with the hope of a career in banking.

He was described as a "very keen sportsman and very good competitive cyclist". He was taking part in time trials along the road when he was hit by a car. The damages are to be paid by the car driver, Elizabeth Poole, of World's End Lane, Orpington, Kent, who admitted liability.

The previous highest award for road accident injuries was £580,547 in December 1985 to Beverley Brightman, aged 22, who was left paralysed when the car in which she was a passenger crashed.

TV rift with the unions widens

By Tim Jones

The independent television industry appeared to be heading towards confrontation with its trade unions last night as two large companies confirmed they were considering pulling out of a national pay and conditions agreement.

The threat by London Weekend Television and Tyne Tees came as TV-am managed to put out a programme in spite of a strike by members of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT) over manning levels for the Caring Christmas campaign, due to begin travelling around Britain today urging people to give presents for the elderly.

TV-am planned to send a three-man ACTT camera crew and a reporter to the road-show, but the union said a director and production assistant had to accompany them.

As both LWT and Tyne Tees confirmed they were considering pulling out of national agreements, Mr Alan Sapper, general secretary of the ACTT, hit out at "alarmist, exaggerated and inaccurate" statements from the television companies.

He also accused the Government of trying to impose its ideology on the television industry. He has warned management that there will be a general strike in the industry if companies try to end industrial practices by "doing a Wapping".

A highly placed independent television source said yesterday: "The independents are now confronted with exactly the same position as was facing Fleet Street a few years ago. They know that unless the problems of overmanning, restrictive practices and demarcation are sorted out, an Eddie Shah could come along and steal the crown."

After years of monopoly, the companies are faced with the prospect of intense competition from satellite companies and know they will be undercut unless they trim off all excess fat.

Hurd pays tribute to firemen

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, went to Soho fire station yesterday in central London to pay his personal tribute to the bravery of officers who tackled the King's Cross disaster.

Fourteen members from the station were first to answer the emergency call last Wednesday evening. Their station officer, Colin Townsley, died in the fire and three of them were taken to hospital suffering from burns or smoke inhalation.

The men, who all said they were still too upset to talk about their part in the operation, were off duty yesterday but came in to meet the Home Secretary.

Mr Hurd said: "My purpose is to thank the brave officers from the fire service as well as from the police who did so much to save lives on Wednesday.

"You can do a certain amount with rules, discipline, training and equipment but when it comes to the crunch, the services are dependent on the courage of individuals and willingness to take risks with their own lives. That was clearly shown that night."

Lawyer to head disaster inquiry

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Desmond Fennell, a senior lawyer who sits as a judge, was last night appointed chairman of the public inquiry into the King's Cross Underground disaster.

This morning he will visit the scene of Wednesday's tragedy, which claimed 30 lives.

The Department of Transport said the timing and venue of the inquiry and the names of the railway inspector and fire expert who will sit with Mr Fennell will be given this week.

The inquiry's remit will be "to examine the cause of the accident and the circumstances surrounding it and to report on these and any other matters arising out of the investigation".

Mr Fennell said last night: "I am enormously flattered to be invited to chair the inquiry into such a horrific disaster. It is an important and satisfying challenge to play some part in establishing what happened and in making recommendations to prevent it happening again."

A preliminary report on the cause of the disaster is expected to be released today at the opening of an inquest on the victims.

The investigators, who are still concentrating on the mechanism of No 4 escalator, were joined yesterday by Dr Douglas Chambers, the St Pancras coroner.

The appointment of Mr Fennell may cause some controversy because he is active politically and is president of his local Conservative association in Buckingham.

But he has excellent legal qualifications and sits as a crown court recorder and as a judge in the Court of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey.

Aged 54, and married with three children, his main outside interest is the countryside and conservation. Mr Fennell led the fight to prevent London's third airport being sited at Cublington, near his home.

His wife, Susan, said last night: "His main recreation is his work. He is not a railway enthusiast but he does use the Underground, so will have some first-hand knowledge to help him chair the inquiry."

Mr Fennell is the son of a Lincoln doctor and was called to the Bar 28 years ago after being educated at Ampleforth and Cambridge and serving in the Grenadier Guards.

Secrets Bill MP is rebuffed

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Prime Minister has refused to meet Mr Richard Shepherd, the Tory backbencher seeking to reform the Official Secrets Act.

He and the fellow sponsors of his Protection of Information Bill, who include a number of privy councillors and former ministers, had hoped to discuss the issue with Mrs Thatcher.

After she had condemned the idea of a backbench MP seeking to reform the law on such a sensitive question, Mr Shepherd wrote to her saying that the question of who introduced the Bill was of secondary importance and that no member of the Government had yet disagreed with the substance of his Bill.

This seeks to protect information if its dissemination could genuinely harm the country while relaxing the controls on less important information. It also provides for the accused in a secrets case to use the defence that the public interest has not been harmed.

Mrs Thatcher said in her letter: "I still do not believe that a private member's Bill is the right vehicle for amending the law in this difficult and sensitive area".

She added: "The issues go to the very heart of the functions of Government and the security of the State. For that reason I do not believe it would be fruitful for us to enter into a dialogue about the substance of your Bill."

Mrs Thatcher has said that the Government is framing its own new secrets legislation.

Ministers will therefore ensure that Mr Shepherd's Bill does not succeed.

Shorter week refused by engineering firms

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Engineering employers have rejected a claim for a 35-hour week without conditions for up to 1.5 million manual workers. The claim was reinstated at a meeting of representatives of the two sides yesterday after the breakdown of talks which had gone on for four years.

The rejection of the reinstated claim by the Engineering Employers' Federation, which speaks for 5,000 engineering companies, puts negotiations back to square one, with the unions being offered less than a 4 per cent wage increase for workers and no cut in hours. The executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions is almost certain to reject the offer at its next meeting on December 3.

Dr James McFarlane, director-general of the employers' federation, told the unions yesterday of his "disappointment" at their rejection of a draft agreement on hours and flexibility. A working party had taken four years to finalize the deal



Shoot-outs and the police

Fewer marksmen but death toll rises

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Police officers in mainland Britain have opened fired and killed suspects five times in the past 10 months making 1987 a record year for the lethal use of guns by the police.

Until this year there had been only two such deaths in this decade.

In three incidents this year the marksmen were London police officers attempting to foil armed robberies and the fifth death took place this weekend in the West Country when Mr Glyn Davies, aged 29, was killed.

The sudden rise in deaths coincides with recent reforms in police training and use of *firearms*.

The number of policemen in England and Wales authorized to use guns has dropped to 8,395 this year from 10,244 in 1985; and the number of operations involving guns has fallen to 2,453 in 1986 from 3,180 in 1983.

Early this year Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, announced a series of 35 reforms in the police use of guns after a lengthy review in the wake of a series of blunders including the mistaken shootings of Stephen Waldorf, Mrs Cherry Groce and John Shorthouse.

The main reforms were the creation of special firearms units in each force on call 24 hours a day; better selection *and training*; *better planning* for firearms operations and fresh guidelines on the use of guns.

All authorized police marksmen are issued with a pink identity card which carries on its back the salient features of their position under the law and the procedures they should follow.

The officers are told on the card that they may use only reasonable force. The gun is a last resort and can be used only where the police cannot prevent loss of life or potential lose of life by any other means. The policemen are also told that opening fire is an individual decision which may be tested in court.

The Woolwich shooting is the latest bloody skirmish in the war between the 120 men of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad and the capital's plague of armed robbers.

It is a world where the robbers, known as "blaggers", go equipped with their "happy bag", a holdall used to conceal weapons until they are used.

In England and Wales as a whole there were 2,651 armed robberies last year and 2,539 the year before.

Many of the targets are in London which suffers the vast majority of all the country's armed robberies, totalling more than 1,579 cases last year.

Girl friend released

The girl friend of the gunman killed by police after a 13-hour hunt in the West Country was released without charge yesterday as an inquest into his death was opened in Exeter (David Sapsted writes).

Miss Lynette Garret, who had been travelling with Glyn Davies, aged 29, and his daughter, Nikki, aged three, was questioned by police about the car chase which started in Chard, Somerset, and which took 80 police to Exeter and Tiverton in Devon before the shooting in a narrow lane near Wambrook, Somerset, on Sunday.

Police also released a man aged 20, the owner of the shotgun used by Davies.

In Exeter, Mr Richard van Oppen, the coroner, adjourned the inquest for 28 days to enable police inquiries to continue.

The body was identified by Mr Davies's brother, Rees, of Harvey Road, Chard, Somerset.

Squad who stay on call

Six members of Scotland Yard's PT17 specialist firearms unit, the successors to the D11 Blue Berets, were at the centre of yesterday's incident at Woolwich (Stewart Tendler writes).

The unit, based at a police training centre on the eastern edge of London with a complement of nearly 60, is responsible both for training other police officers in the use of guns and providing highly specialized support. Members of three teams, which each number six sergeants and constables, work on call and do no teaching.

Above that are six "level one" teams drawn from the instructing staff of PT17. Each of the teams, permanently formed and identified by colour codes, consists of an inspector, a sergeant and four constables.

Trained to a high degree of fitness, they are also said to be capable of mounting operations similar to those of the SAS.

Police demand Wapping photographs

A demand that national newspapers and freelance photographers should hand over unpublished photographs of violence during the News International dispute at Wapping, east London, was heard in chambers yesterday (Richard Evans writes).

The Police Complaints Authority is seeking a court order forcing *The Independent*, *The Observer*, *Mail on Sunday*, ITN and Thames Television to hand over photographs and film.

The authority says they contain evidence needed by an inquiry into the behaviour of Metropolitan Police.

The hearing was adjourned

TUC ruling

The TUC's "inner cabinet" will decide tomorrow what, if any, action should be taken against the electricians' union over its role in a previous dispute at the News International printing plant at Wapping, east London.

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Doctors accused of 'outrageous sexual assault' on children

By Peter Davenport

The two consultant paediatricians at the centre of the Cleveland sexual abuse controversy were accused by a fellow doctor yesterday of committing "outrageous sexual assault" on children they examined in hospital.

They were also said to have shown a lack of consideration and humanity in the way they dealt with children and parents and that in many cases youngsters were treated merely as objects.

The highly subjective findings and interpretations by Dr Marietta Higgs and her colleague, Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, had serious ramifications for the well-being of families throughout the country, the inquiry into the Cleveland sexual abuse cases was told.

The allegations were made by Dr Raine Roberts, a Manchester police surgeon and a leading authority on sexual assault, who was called in by parents to carry out independent examinations of their children.

Dr Roberts, who is also a consultant on child sexual abuse to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and a member of the Council of the Association of Police Surgeons of Great Britain, was highly critical of the methods and findings of Dr Higgs and Dr Wyatt.

She said the area of greatest concern was the way in which children and parents had been treated. There had been a lack of respect for the feelings and dignity of the child; in one case a youngster was allegedly subjected to a forcible intimate examination while being held screaming by two nurses behind locked doors.

In her evidence, which ran to 91 pages, Dr Roberts said: "The child cannot distinguish between and assault carried out in a hospital room by a stranger (a doctor) and a similar experience elsewhere.

"I am concerned that some children will suffer lasting harm as a result of being subjected to examinations involving the use of force.

"Paediatricians pride themselves in caring for the whole child and patronize the police surgeon, but yet some are prepared to countenance, or even commit, the outrageous sexual assault of children in hospital which has occurred in some cases in Cleveland."

Before the evidence of Dr Roberts was heard Dr Higgs admitted on the final day of her cross-examination that in three cases where she had diagnosed that children had been sexually abused while in hospital on safety orders she failed to inform the police, call a police surgeon or take any forensic samples that could have been used to prosecute a perpetrator.

She did not tell nursing staff on the ward or inform hospital authorities but alerted social services.
Asked repeatedly why she had not called the police or police surgeon, she replied: "It's a good question. I just didn't."

Dr Roberts said that in almost all the children she saw in Cleveland, although sexual abuse had been confidently diagnosed, no tests for sexually transmitted diseases had been taken.

The doctors had demonstrated a lack of knowledge about the normal anatomy of a child's genitalia.

In one instance, Dr Higgs and Dr Jane Wynne, a Leeds paediatrician who pioneered the controversial medical technique of reflex anal dilatation as a way of diagnosing sexual abuse, described a child as having no hymen.



Dr Raine Roberts: "Children will suffer lasting harm".

Yet, Dr Roberts said, when she and Dr David Paul, a Harley Street specialist also called in by parents, examined the girl it was present.

There was, Dr Roberts said, frequently an inaccurate, woolly and misleading use of medical terms, and a lack of knowledge of pathological processes.

The paediatricians, she said, appeared to have "followed uncritically" some of the teaching of the Leeds doctors but had gone further in that in many cases they had made a firm diagnosis on the basis of one inadequate examination without considering other factors.

"They have shown lack of judgement in accepting uncritically one point of view whilst ignoring opposing opinions voiced by many paediatricians, paediatric surgeons and others . . . .

"They should have been aware that the interpretation of certain findings was highly controversial and not established as a reliable sign."

Dr Roberts said that the significance and relevance of the finding of anal dilatation was still a matter of considerable doubt and dispute, with many doctors observing the finding in children suffering from other conditions.

She said that in court the two doctors did not appear to have made a thorough search of relevant literature or to have consulted any forensic texts or sought the advice of any forensic expert. Second opinions were sought only from paediatricians known to hold similar views.

Dr Roberts was also critical of Dr Wynne. She said her examinations for the purpose of second opinions were "cursory in the extreme", in one case allegedly taking less than one minute.

Dr Roberts's evidence was in direct contradiction to much of what Dr Higgs had said during more than 25 hours on the stand.

Yesterday she appeared to be tired as her evidence drew to a close but once she had finished she sat in a seat behind Dr Roberts as she took the oath.

The inquiry continues today.



David Barber, aged six weeks, whose parents are starting a High Court action today to force a hospital to perform surgery.

Heart boy too ill for hospital switch

By Craig Seton

The parents of a critically ill baby boy whose heart operation has been postponed five times yesterday rejected an offer of treatment at a private hospital after doctors said their son could die on the journey to London.

Mr Phillip Barber, aged 28, and his wife, Diane, will go to the High Court in London today to start proceedings to force the Birmingham Children's Hospital, to carry out an operation on their son, David, aged six weeks.

The child has a hole in the heart and a missing valve and although he has been a patient at the hospital awaiting surgery since his birth, the operation has been repeatedly put off because only four intensive care beds can be staffed.

Last week the hospital, which is a regional centre for heart surgery, stopped new admissions of all children requiring intensive care and two critically ill babies were transferred to Liverpool.

Yesterday, Mr Barber said they were at first "overjoyed" when the private Old Court Clinic in Ealing, west London, offered to carry out the £15,000 operation free of charge. But then doctors told them that their son could die on the 100-mile journey.

Last night Mr Tony Rust, the Barbers' solicitor, visited the hospital to find out if the child was likely to be operated on before today's court action, but he was told there was no such chance.

Afterwards he said: "This is a life and death matter. If the doctors are saying that he might die on a journey to London, then it must be a matter of life and death.

"The hospital has said that if his case becomes an emergency they will operate. The parents are saying that it is an emergency now."

Mr Rust said that the baby's mother could not even pick up her seriously-ill son for more than a few minutes because handling him meant that he started to turn blue.

Mr Barber, from Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, said: "David is getting weaker all the time. The longer this goes on, the less chance there is that he will survive the operation."

Mr Babulal Sethia, a consultant cardiologist, said: "It is an altogether outrageous situation and totally unsatisfactory.

"David's life is not in danger while he is in the hospital, but if we are able to operate in the next few days he would be fine."

Administrators at the hospital insisted that the crisis in the intensive care unit was not caused by lack of money but a shortage of nurses trained in intensive care.

Heart specialists blamed the West Midlands Regional Health Authority for its failure to train staff.

Yesterday, the chairmen of all five Birmingham Community Health Councils said an extra £10 million was needed immediately to restore services to last year's level. They said the crisis is "threatening patients' lives".

● Kaylee Davidson, who became one of the world's youngest heart transplant patients when she had the operation at the age of five weeks, was yesterday allowed to leave hospital and return to her home in Washington, Tyne and Wear.

IRA link 'prejudiced' bombs trial

The six men jailed for life for the Birmingham public houses bombings suffered "considerable prejudice" because they stood trial with three men who had alleged IRA associations, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Lord Gifford, QC, on the sixteenth day of the appeal at the Central Criminal Court by the six against their 21 murder convictions, claimed there had been severe and foreseeable prejudice at their trial

He told the court: "Maybe the judge did not appreciate the dangers from the papers before him, but it must have been clear to anyone experienced in criminal trials".

Lord Gifford continued his submission by claiming the six suffered prejudice by standing trial with three other defendants: Michael Sheehan, Michael Murray and James Kelly.

He alleged those men were members of or gave assistance to IRA activities in Birmingham and the case for their alleged parts in the "wider conspiracy" could have been tried separately.

Those three defendants had not been involved directly in anything relating to the events of November 21, 1974 when bombs exploded in the Mulberry Bush and Tavern in the Town public houses.

The six appellants, all from Birmingham, are: William Power, aged 42, of Cranwell Grove; Patrick Hill, aged 42, of Kilburn Road, Kingstanding; John Walker, aged 52, of Enderby Road, Kingstanding; Robert Hunter, aged 41, Riley, Kingstanding; Richard McIlkenny, aged 53, Epsom Grove, Kingstanding; and Hugh Callaghan, aged 57, Stanwell Grove, Erdington.

The hearing continues.

Japanese continue conquest of Paris

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

The Japanese are continuing to clean up the best of French painting on offer in Paris, buying as much as one third of the modern paintings sale on Sunday night and marking up two further world records for France.

The first was for "Portrait of Madame D", of 1938, by Marie Laurencin. A Parisian bohemian during the Twenties and Thirties, she was disdained by collectors until the Japanese taste for line and pastel colour came along. Estimated at FFr1.5 million to FFr2 million, it sold for FFr3.6 million (£360,000).

Paintings by their countrymen who worked as artists in Paris this century were also popular among the Japanese. The second record was for a painting of Parisian posters on a wall by Takanori Oguiss (1901-1986). Estimated at up to FFr500,000, it fetched FFr1million.

A still life with pheasants by another Japanese Parisian, Tsuguharo Leonard Foujita (1886-1968), fetched FFr520,000.

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Other high prices included FFr7.2 million (£720,000) paid by a Japanese dealer for "Printemps à Giverny", a riverscape in sugary pink and blue tones by Claude Monet; FFr3.5 million (£350,000) for a drawing of a ringmaster on his horse by Toulouse Lautrec; FFr1.1 million (£110,000) for a seascape at Bordeaux by Boudin; FFr1.1 million for a landscape at Pontoise by Camille Pissarro; and FFr2.4 million for a street scene in Brittany by Utrillo. Braque's Cubist painting, "Le Concert", sold for FFr7.8 million (£780,000).

Paris's second sale on Sunday was of furniture and objects of art, totalling FFr110 million, with FFr3 million worth bought in. The top price was FFr3 million (£300,000) for a small commode attributed to Gaudreau or Cressent, while a large thirteenth-century rug sold for FFr2.5 million (£250,000).

At Sotheby's sale in London yesterday of Indian, Himalayan and South-east Asian art, a Japanese private collector bought the top lot, a large third-century Gandhara figure of the Bodhisattva Maitreya, for £17,600.

ITV unveils nine new drama series

By Lynda Murdin, Arts Correspondent

Nine new drama series costing a total of £20 million have been announced by ITV for its forthcoming winter schedule, as part of an attempt to get back its position in the ratings battle.

The ITV companies reached what was probably an all-time low last winter and spring in the war for audiences, Mr Greg Dyke, controller of programmes at London Weekend Television, admitted yesterday.

Saturday nights in particular are to be given an injection of material other than frothy light entertainment.

The new drama series, running from January to the end of March, including *Hannay*, starring Robert Powell as the John Buchan hero, *London's Burning*, Jack Rosenthal's television play about firemen now developed into a series, and *Hard Cases*, in which John McEnery leads a team of probation officers.

As well as drama, the "big movie" will also return to Saturday evenings, beginning with three James Bond films, starring Roger Moore. For the first time, these will be transmitted on consecutive weeks.

This Is Your Life is also to return to the screen. The three programmes completed by Eamonn Andrews before his death earlier this month are to be shown during a series of classic examples of the show from the past.

Mr David Elstein, director of programmes at Thames Television, said it had been decided to run the three programmes after consultation with Mr Andrews' widow and people featured in the shows.

He said a search was still under way for a successor to continue the show next autumn. He had a list of 20 possibilities, six of them favourites and he had not ruled out the possibility of a woman as presenter.

Other plans for the winter include a six part adaptation by Keith Waterhouse of the adventures of the cartoon hero, Andy Capp.

There will also be a lavish new game show, *You Bet!* hosted by Bruce Forsyth.

Killer had been freed by court

Three weeks before a former Rampton patient killed a schoolteacher with a 42lb stone, a psychiatrist had told magistrates the man could be sent back to hospital.

Instead the magistrates, in Bradford, West Yorkshire, freed Sidney Manley, aged 30, for assessment, Leeds Crown Court heard yesterday.

Manley was first admitted to a psychiatric hospital when he was 15, the court heard. He was sent to Rampton aged 17 after he attacked two female patients when his advances were rejected.

Manley, of Kings Road, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, was discharged against his will in 1981.

His appearance before magistrates in Bradford just before the killing was for breaching a probation order. After being sent for assessment with the psychiatrist, Manley went to live in a flat in Bradford.

He was jailed for life after pleading guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. His victim, Mr Donald Swaine, aged 48, lived at Hazelhurst Road, Heaton, Bradford.

Thatcher's call to women

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Prime Minister disclosed yesterday that she sends back the short lists of candidates for top jobs to her officials unless they contain at least one woman's name.

Generation after generation of women had left university. Many had gone on to become magistrates, local councillors or to run their own businesses. However, there were still far too few women "at the top", Mrs Margaret Thatcher said.

"I am always trying to get more women's names put forward. Sometimes you find one or two, but if you are not careful the same names tend to be on everything.

"I do send them back because there must be others. There may be an enormous resource to tap and I still want more women at the top."

Britain's first woman Prime Minister was speaking after unveiling a plaque at 4 St James's Square, south-west London, to the first woman MP to take her seat, Lady Astor.

In doing so she revealed both the debt she owes to Lady Astor, who entered the Commons in November 1919, and to the women suffragettes. At the late Lady Astor's London home she met members of the Astor family and the 300 Group, campaigning for more women in Parliament and public life.

Other women have begun to filter through in some of the recent appointments. For example Miss Tessa Solesby, the new head of the United Kingdom disarmament delegation, and Miss Anne Mueller, who has gone as permanent secretary to the Treasury.

Mrs Thatcher has been criticized in the past for not putting other women in the Cabinet. She still insists she is against "positive discrimination" for women. However it is known she has her eye on Mrs Angela Rumbold, the Minister of State for Education and Science, as future "Cabinet material".

The increase in women MPs at the general election from 28 to 41 among 609 male colleagues is not enough, she said. "It is a great disappointment that we have not got more. Nancy Astor knew what I sometimes know, that until there are more of us in the Commons — and right at the top — we will be too conspicuous merely by being women.

"When people ask me what it is like to be the first woman Prime Minister I reply that I could hardly be the first man Prime Minister could I?"

Paying tribute to the first woman MP to take her seat she said: "I am a great admirer of Nancy Astor and if you think what kind of person you would need to go into that totally male-dominated House of Commons you would have chosen Nancy Astor.

"You needed tremendous courage and a proper sense of your own views. You needed determination and a certain sense of style and Nancy Astor had them all."

It was not only in Westminster that more woman were needed.

Turning to *The Times* she added: "Maybe you should look at your own profession. How many women editors and heads of department are there? Not enough."



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Liberal plan for Scots assembly comes under fire

In a debate on Scottish devolution initiated by the Liberal Party, Mr David Steel, the party leader, said that the number of Scottish MPs at Westminster should be reduced when an assembly was established in Edinburgh.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said in reply that such a system would inevitably lead to the creation of two classes of MPs in the Commons. It would produce the gravest constitutional anomaly, he said.

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Mr Steel opened the debate and moved a motion calling for a Scottish parliament, elected by proportional representation, with revenue-raising powers and legislative authority on all matters of public policy relating to Scotland, except for defence, international affairs and the UK economy.

He began by quoting what he later revealed were the words of Mr Rifkind in 1976. Mr Rifkind had said then that Scotland was the only territory on the face of the Earth without a legislature to improve, amend and reorganize its own legal system.

Mr Rifkind had said that, for all practical purposes, the Secretary of State for Scotland was the Scottish Prime Minister. His department covered areas that in the rest of Britain were the responsibility of eight or nine ministers. He had pointed out that the Scottish Office had more civil servants than the European Commission.

The arguments that Mr Rifkind had put then were the same today. He was therefore astonished to see that Mr Rifkind had put his name to a Government amendment which rejected as irrelevant the arguments for constitutional change.

Mr Rifkind had referred to the "ultra-unionists" who believed that, merely by establishing a Scottish assembly, the British identity and nationality would be dissipated. Mr Rifkind had said that he had more faith in the British identity, as shared by the people of Scotland, than those ultra-unionists.

Opinion polls over the years showed that support for a completely independent assembly for Scotland had increased. "So how the Government can refer to lack of evidence of popular demand in its amendment beats me."

He believed that the case for decentralization of government and the establishment of a Scottish parliament was undeniable. Did Scottish politicians have the wit and vision to be able to secure a united majority behind any particular set of proposals?

In 1913, the House passed the Home Rule Bill at second reading. The legislation got no further because of the outbreak of the First World War, but the principle had been approved by the House.

In the referendum of 1979, a total of 52 per cent had voted in favour of the assembly then proposed and 48 per cent had voted against.

The reasons for the lack of enthusiasm were political pre-

Scottish Office has more civil servants than the European Commission

sentation and defects in the substance of the package on offer.

First, there was the lack of revenue-raising powers for the proposed Scottish assembly.

In the computer age, it should be easy for a Scottish assembly — he preferred the word parliament — to have the powers to raise income tax and sales tax. It would not be a proper parliament unless it could raise money for its own expenditure.

The second reason the previous proposals did not get a sufficient majority to be enacted was the deliberate attempt to ignore the royal commission comment by Lord Kilbrandon that any assembly should be constituted by proportional representation.

The third reason was the failure to meet the argument that the proposals would add an extra layer of government and bureaucracy.

"That is why the Liberals say we would streamline local government to reduce it to a single tier, under the Scottish parliament, so as not to increase the layers of Government."

The Liberals also accepted that the number of Scottish MPs at Westminster should be reduced and brought into line with the present ratio of representation for England and Wales. They would also abolish the post of Secretary of State for Scotland.

"I believe that Edinburgh could once again have a centre of political power, controlling the development of culture and education, the legal system and being custodian of our history and separate church identity."

Over the past year he had witnessed at first hand state elections in West Germany and Canada. They possessed a local political dynamism, power and interest wholly different from the United Kingdom local election experience. This country was the most over-centralized in Europe.

The Scottish assembly building in Edinburgh should have its promise fulfilled and Edinburgh should have its heart restored.

Mr Rifkind moved an amendment, rejecting as irrelevant to the wellbeing of Scotland arguments for constitutional change for which there was no evidence of popular demand.

He said that he felt no concern at all at Mr Steel's quoting from his earlier speech.

"My views have not changed. Now, as then, I can see certain theoretical attractions in allowing within Scotland purely Scottish matters to be determined by an elected Scottish assmebly."

He had been correctly quoted as saying that there was no other territory with its own legal system that did not have its own legislature to legislate for the needs of that legal system.

There was no other part of the world where one territory in an otherwise unitary state was provided with a devolutionized parliament and government of the kind proposed.

Ten years ago there was an argument, such was the demand of the people of Scotland, that the break-up of the union was the necessary and inevitable alternative.

"I, I must confess, like many others, did to some extent, succumb to that kind of argument.

"I believed then, and now, that the only basis on which you can introduce and implement a constitutional anomaly and fundamental defect would be if there was an overwhelming demand."



Mr Malcolm Rifkind (right), the Secretary of State, who clashed in the Commons yesterday with Mr David Steel (top left) and Mr John Maxton.

But they had seen that the overwhelming majority was against devolution. Within 24 hours of the result of the referendum being announced, he had made clear his view that there was no basis for the fundamental constitutional change.

Mr Robert Maclennan, leader of the SDP, intervened to say that this was not a constitutional anomaly unknown to Britain. There had been 50 years of devolved government in Northern Ireland, but the House had not attempted to curtail the voting powers of MPs from Northern Ireland. There was no reason for Scottish MPs to be deprived of the same rights as those Ulster MPs had.

Mr Rifkind replied that the establishment of a Northern Ireland assembly (Stormont) had led first to a substantial reduction in Ulster MPs and then to the end of a Secretary of State for Irish Affairs and the almost total removal of Ulster's ability to influence successive UK governments over the next 50 years on matters affecting Ulster equally with the rest of the UK.

If Mr Maclennan wanted Scotland to have such influence, the Irish precedent was "damning to his cause".

I confess that I did to some extent succumb to that kind of argument

Mr John Maxton, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that, despite supporting the principle of devolution, the Labour Party would not vote for the motion because it included proportional representation.

"We do not believe that proportional representation will serve either the interests of Scotland or the interests of the rural communities which so concern Liberal members."

The Labour Party's proposal was for two members in a Scottish assembly for each of the present constituencies, because that would give a higher proportion of seats for the rural communities and that was true proportional representation.

His party sought a commitment from the Liberal Party to support Labour proposals rather than indulging in extraneous matters. The Labour Party would support a 10-minute-rule Bill coming before the House later in the week on the subject of devolution for Scotland.

The Secretary of State for Scotland had clearly forgotten any principles he had had. From supporting devolution in 1978 he had moved dramatically and spectacularly to the right in opposing it.

While trying to squirm out of it, the reason that Mr Rifkind was no longer a devolutionist was because the Prime Minister was not a devolutionist and he put his position in the Cabinet higher than he put his principles on devolution or the people of Scotland.

Elgin Marbles 'will have to stay in Britain'

THE ARTS

It was the Government's view that the Elgin Marbles were legally obtained and that they should remain in the British Museum, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, said amid Conservative cheers during questions.

He said that the museum trustees "consider it in the general interest to maintain the integrity of the museum's collection for the benefit of international scholarship and the enjoyment of the public".

Mr Nicholas Baker (North Dorset, C) said that if the Marbles were returned to Greece it would be "a dagger blow between the shoulder blades" for those who benefited from a classical education.

The Greek Government could not put the marbles up on the Parthenon and would have to store them in a museum.

Mr Luce said that six other Western European capitals had some of the Parthenon sculptures in their possession.

He agreed with Mr Baker that to return the Marbles to Greece would lead to an international cry for the return of such treasures from museums all over the world.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab): "Many people in Britain and Greece believe the Marbles were stolen from Greece.

"It would do a great deal to encourage friendship between our two countries for Britain to return the Marbles as Greece desires, much as Venice has asked for the bones of Casanova to be returned."

Mr Luce said that he had sympathy for those who felt that if Britain started down that road there would be no end to the number of objects of art that we would have to dispose of. "I do not think it makes sense."

Corruption charge angrily denied

CIVIL SERVICE

A suggestion that the taking of board room jobs on retirement by civil servants was a form of corruption was dismissed as "outrageous" by Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for the Civil Service, during Commons questions.

The exchange came during questions about the secondment of personnel between industry and the Civil Service. Mr Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C) had said that progress on exchanges was lamentably slow and there ought to be a drive to encourage such moves.

Mr Luce said there had been a 22 per cent increase in outward secondments between 1985 and 1986 and a 20 per cent increase in inward secondments from the private sector. That was not bad.

Dr John Marek, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, asked how, in operating the scheme, account was taken of low pay in the Civil Service compared with high pay in industry?

Mr Luce said that those going inward had their salaries paid by the Civil Service with, if necessary, some topping-up by their employer, and those going outward were paid at the standard Civil Service level.

Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, Lab) asked for an explanation of the safeguards over secondments.

Civil Servants kept the private sector at arms length when dealing with grant arrangements, but on retirement, at an early age and on a substantial pension, senior civil servants had a habit of landing board room jobs at very high salaries.

"What guarantee is there that this form of corruption will not be developed by this form of secondment?"

Mr Luce said that it was outrageous to suggest any form of corruption. There were tight procedures for those taking outside jobs on retirement from the Civil Service.

There was also an organization called the Diamond Committee, which looked into it extremely carefully to ensure that there was no conflict of interest.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) said that there was probably the greatest concentration of brains in the Treasury, but the least amount of practical experience of life.

Thatcher queries rejected

Labour MPs attempted to raise questions in the Commons about the involvement of Mr Mark Thatcher, the Prime Minister's son, in Electronic Data Systems, an American company which was said to be seeking contracts with the Department of Health and Social Security.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that the Speaker should reflect whether the register of MPs' interests ought to include information from the Prime Minister about her son.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that Mr Winnick could put the matter to the Select Committee on Procedure.

In reply to other MPs, he said that he had no responsibility in the matter.

Lord Jenkins to take seat

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the former Labour Cabinet minister and a founder of the Social Democratic Party, will take his seat in the House of Lords on December 1.

Electricity costs

'Whingeing' CBI criticized

POWER

Criticism of the CBI for complaining about the recently announced increase in electricity prices was voiced in the Commons by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy.

During question time, he told MPs that electricity accounted for only a small fraction — less than 2 per cent on average — of industries' total production costs and had a limited effect on most industries' competitiveness.

He was replying to Mr John Marshall (Hendon South, C), who said that for large users of electricity, costs in the UK were lower than in any other major EEC country.

It was time that the CBI stopped whingeing about electricity prices and instead congratulated the Government on that happy state of affairs.

Mr Parkinson replied that that was a very strong point.

"Our electricity prices are, and this is agreed between industry and the electricity suppliers, extremely competitive.

"They account on average for about 2 per cent of our costs." Next year's increases would amount, in effect, to one sixth of 1 per cent of industrial costs.

"Of course industry does not like costs going up, but I think it overstates its case."

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that the dismay and astonishment expressed by industry at the monster increases in electricity prices was an indication of the considerable difficulties that they would impose.

Industries such as textiles, which used a large amount of electricity, recognized that as a big additional on-cost.

It was a kick in the teeth for that industry, which played an important role in trying to reverse decline in important regions of the country.

Mr Parkinson replied that prices, even after the increases, would be about a half of those of Japan and nobody had ever complained that Japan was uncompetitive because of its electricity prices.

He had held a subsequent meeting with the CBI, after its initial reaction. It had left his department saying that it was reassured.

Mr John Garrett (Norwich South, Lab) said that a study by Price Waterhouse showed that prices for electricity to industry would rise by more than 20 per cent because financial targets set by the Treasury did not take into account bulk discounts.

Mr Parkinson said Mr Garrett was mixing up a number of things. The Price Waterhouse report was commissioned to study the make-up and workings of the bulk supply tariff under the last price regime.

It had nothing to do with the price increases he had announced.

● Complete abolition of standing charges for gas and electricity services — to help pensioners and other people on low incomes — would have the effect of sharply increasing prices and, therefore, hitting those very people hardest, Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) had referred to the "extreme pressure upon pensioners" of standing charges.

He wanted Mr Morrison to see what could be done to persuade the two industries to abandon, or diminish, standing charges for pensioners.

Mr Morrison said that complete abolition would cost £1,100 million.

"That would mean rises in rates, so some two million pensioner households would be likely to pay more."

Wind unlikely ever to be a major electricity source

The Government has invested £22 million since 1979, and is at present investing about £4 million a year, in the development of wind-generation of electricity, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

He agreed that one problem for development was the low rate of return that producers were being paid for the electricity they generated and fed into the grid. They needed to improve the rate of return from the electricty industry.

Mr Parkinson spoke of the experimental, 3 megawatt, 60-metre diameter wind turbine generator at Burgar Hill, Orkney, which he had inaugurated on November 10. After commissioning, it would undergo a comprehensive two-year monitoring programme.

Generators had also been or were being built at Carmarthen Bay, Richborough, and Ilfracombe.

Dr Michael Clark (Rochford, C): Would the minister agree that wind power has a significant part to play in generating electricity, particularly in remote areas, and that the technology would be useful to the Third World, but that it is unlikely that wind power will ever play an important role, and that it is therefore essential that we continue to invest in nuclear and coal-fired power stations?

Mr Parkinson: I agree. I cannot honestly see the day when we shall be generating large quantities of electricity from wind.

"It would take 150 of them to replace a medium-size 500 megawatt coal-fired power station. It takes a lot of room."

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, L) said that there was considerable export potential and it would be much better if development work were done in the United Kingdom than in the United States.

He asked whether the Energy Act, 1983, might be changed to secure more advantage from the generating boards for developers.

Mr Parkinson: The working of the 1983 Act has been disappointing. The matter has regularly been raised by independent producers.

Sizewell B total cost to be £1.7bn

The total cost of Sizewell B was £1.7 billion at 1987 prices, including the simulation and visitors' centre and the charge for initial fuel, Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, Lab) said that the huge cost for this dangerous process was the source of the price increases recently forced on the CEGB by the Government.

The weakest members of society, such as pensioners, single-parent families and others on low income, would have to bear the cost of the Government's vendetta against the miners.

Mr Spicer said that he did not follow Mr Cryer. The people he was concerned about required electricity and one of the Government's objectives was to ensure that there was sufficient capacity to meet those requirements.

Mr Michael Stern (Bristol North West, C) wanted the minister to remind Mr Cryer of the comparative safety records of the coal and nuclear industries.

Mr Spicer said that there were still a great number of casualties and fatalities in the coal industry.

Complaint to Speaker on Wright

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) protested to the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) that, because of the rules of the House being applied by the Table Office, he was unable to table questions relating to the Wright case, on matters which had appeared in a book written by Nigel West, who was also Mr Rupert Allason, Tory MP for Torbay.

Mr Allason had told him that his book had been cleared by the D Notice committee, which included senior civil servants. The effect was that ministers were refusing to answer questions on matters which civil servants had cleared.

The Speaker said that the matter had been raised with him by Mr Campbell-Savours in July, and he had offered to see him. That offer remained, although Mr Campbell-Savours had not seen him. He was bound by the rules of the House.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Social Services; Prime Minister. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency Bill, second reading. Debate on reform of the common agricultural policy.
Lords (2.30): Merchant Shipping Bill, committee, first day.

Ilea fights for County Hall home

The Inner London Education Authority took its case to avoid eviction from its County Hall headquarters to the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The Ilea is contesting a decision of the High Court in May to uphold the London Residuary Body's notice to quit, given last October.

The Labour-controlled education authority, which has a staff of 3,000 at County Hall facing the Houses of Parliament, must move by next April unless its appeal is successful.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC, for the Ilea, argued that the London Residuary Body, set up by the Government to dispose of the assets of the abolished Greater London Council, should not be allowed to act in a way which prevented the education authority from carrying out its statutory duties to provide education in the capital.

The authority argues that staying at County Hall would avoid large-scale disruption to education.

The hearing continues today.

Survey to aid crime prevention

Residents voice their fears

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Residents of a London borough are taking part in a detailed crime survey in the hope that it will indicate the kind of counter measures needed.

The Hilldrop Project, involving 1,500 people in Islington, north London, is being carried out by Islington council's police and community safety committee in conjunction with the Centre for Criminology at Middlesex Polytechnic.

Sixty-nine per cent of people surveyed in the Hilldrop area saw crime as a problem, next only to unemployment. They will be questioned again in a year's time to see how effective the project has been.

There were worries about being burgled (52 per cent), being robbed in the street (51 per cent), rape (59 per cent of women), and sexual harassment (52 per cent of women).

More than 30 per cent of residents, and 48 per cent of women, often or always avoid going out after dark because of fear of crime.

The project against crime will involve several organizations, reflecting the belief that law enforcement bodies can be more effective when linked with others.

Forty-eight per cent of the public were dissatisfied with their treatment when contacting police in the past 12 months. Almost half felt similarly about the social services, 60 per cent with the housing department and 53 per cent with the neighbourhood office. Seventy eight per cent thought there were too few foot patrols.

Black people were almost twice as likely to be victims of crime against the person than white. Women were 60 per cent more likely to be victims than men. Young people under 24 were six times more likely than those over 45.

A report launched yesterday by Islington council suggests locks on all ground floor windows and strengthening of doors.

A detailed lighting programme is suggested, including the individual lighting of front door areas and the upgrading of street lighting.

The report says an increase in beat officers would increase co-operation between police and public.

Anti-crime courses should be introduced to the school curriculum, the report suggests. An anti-crime exhibition should be mounted in local schools, libraries, youth clubs, and neighbourhood offices.

The report advocates the setting up of a neighbourhood watch scheme

Firebomb blast at Welsh chalet

A firebomb believed to have been planted by Welsh extremists exploded at a holiday chalet site yesterday, almost exactly eight years after the campaign protesting over English property buyers began. Another device was defused by an army bomb disposal team.

The devices were found in the porches of chalets at the village of Brithdir, near Dolgllau in Gwynedd. The first one scorched woodwork.

Planning permission had been given for 40 holiday chalets at the site, but when a development company from Oldham, Greater Manchester, bought the land it was refused approval by the Snowdonia National Park Authority for them to become permanent homes. However, this was reversed on appeal to the Welsh Office, resulting in protests from nationalists and the Welsh Language Society. Seventeen of the chalets have been completed.

Last June, an organization called Sons of Glyndwr claimed responsibility when a firebomb was planted at Abersoch. A fortnight later, incendiary devices were found 60 miles apart outside a housing development at Abergele and on the step of government offices at Porthmadog.



Keith Best, fined £4,500 over BT share dealings.

Best allowed appeal over BT conviction

Keith Best, the former Conservative MP for Ynys Mon, yesterday won leave to appeal against his conviction for dishonestly making multiple British Telecom share applications.

Best had his four-month jail sentence set aside by the Court of Appeal last month. The £3,000 fine, imposed at Southwark Crown Court on September 30, was increased to £4,500.

Yesterday, Mr Justice Owen referred his application to a full Court of Appeal hearing, is not expected before the new year.

Myth of vaccine damage, by doctor

Whooping cough vaccine carries no risk and the belief that it causes brain damage in children is based more on "mythology than science" a neurologist told the High Court yesterday.

Dr John Stephenson, a consultant paediatrician in neurology at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, told Mr Justice Stuart-Smith that any evidence which might once have existed suggesting a possible causal link had "evaporated". In his opinion, there was "no risk" attached to the vaccine.

He agreed that 10 years ago he believed that the vaccine might, on rare occasions, cause children to suffer febrile convulsions. However, more recent evidence suggesting other reasons for the fits had made him change his mind.

Dr Stephenson said he became interested in the pertussis vaccine controversy after seeing some of his patients, who he knew had developed brain damage unrelated to the vaccine, appearing on television claiming that they were vaccine victims.

He was giving evidence for the Wellcome Foundation in a test case, the outcome of which is awaited by the parents of 200 brain-damaged children, to decide whether the vaccine can cause brain damage.

Maura and Harold Loveday, of Vicars Close, Victoria Park estate, Hackney, east London, are suing Dr George Renton, who administered the pertussis vaccine to their adopted daughter, Susan, now 17, when she was a baby.

The Wellcome Foundation has been joined to the action as a defendant to argue the case on causality.

Dr Stephenson was questioned by Mr Stanley Brodie, QC, for the Lovedays, about what happened if a child had a 30-minute fit within a few hours of being given DTP.

Mr Brodie asked whether any prudent doctor would not consider that in those circumstances the vaccine had caused the fit.

Dr Stephenson said that "prudent, caring doctors", instead of looking for the real cause of the fit, had been too ready to blame the vaccine.

The hearing continues today.

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Six million adults have trouble coping with the three Rs

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Six million adults have basic problems with reading, writing, spelling or simple arithmetic, according to the Government's Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit.

At least 300,000 of those cannot read or write at all in practical terms – at a time when jobs for the unskilled are becoming scarcer.

More than a quarter of the six million had not been identified as having problems and received no special help when at school – although one in 10 was known to teachers to be having difficulty.

The figures are given in a report on a detailed study of data gathered during the most recent National Child Development Study in 1981, involving all the children born in one week in 1958.

Miss Annabel Hemstedt, of Lancaster University, who helped analyse the data for the skills unit and the Manpower Services Commission, said the figure of six million, or 13 per cent, was "if anything a conservative estimate".

The commission, which helped fund the study, estimates that three million of the workforce are functionally illiterate.

The skills unit estimate also includes people who have assessed themselves as having basic literacy or numeracy problems, which could include those who judge themselves harshly.

For example, 30 per cent had an O level equivalent and 8 per cent of the people with "basic problems" in the survey have a qualification at A level or higher. These, Miss Hemstedt said, were probably people who could read and write well, but had trouble with arithmetic.

The worst problem for adult illiterates is getting – not necessarily holding down – a job, especially where this requires form filling. Training is also an acute problem.

She said that as all the adult illiterates and innumerates in the study had been tested at school, there was obviously a "mismatch" between what is taught in school and what is seen as competence in everyday life.

But since the people in the survey are now nearly 30 years old, this may not be a direct comment on current education practices.

Mr Alan Wells, director of the skills unit, said that he doubted whether the Government's plan to introduce tests at the ages of seven, 11 and 14 would necessarily wipe out the problem of school-leaver illiterates. "Tests are not absolute predictions of the problems encountered in later life", he said.

People in the "illiterate" group are twice as likely to be receiving benefit, have a high unemployment rate and are more likely than others to come from overcrowded, poorer homes, with poorly educated parents.

However, 9 per cent of former public school pupils admitted having "basic skills difficulties", compared with 17 per cent who had gone to secondary moderns and 13 per cent from comprehensives.

Contrary to popular theory, hearing and sight difficulties are not usually associated with reading and writing problems, but speech defects and late development in talking are strongly connected.

A recent report to the commission said that the degree of illiteracy in Britain "may reflect the fact that the world outside the classroom makes more complex demands than the ability to follow through a reading scheme".

Mr Brian Holmes, who has worked between the skills unit and the commission on the study, said that it was critical to incorporate literacy schemes into vocational training as people would then be more likely to take part.

Piano duet helps Aids victims



Jocelyn Abbott and Richard Mapp beginning a 24-hour non-stop piano duet yesterday, to be performed by pianists in relays in the foyer of the Festival Hall on London's South Bank. The event is for the charity, Crusaid, which since it was formed last year has raised £750,000 to help victims of the disease Aids (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Civil Servants vote to strike

By Roland Rudd

The Militant-controlled Civil and Public Services Association has voted for a one-day national strike on Friday at all Department of Employment offices in protest at the Government's decision to use Youth Training Scheme trainees.

The result surprised leading union moderates who were sceptical of using further strike action in protest at the Government's trainee policy, which is not opposed by all Civil Service unions.

A spokesman for the ministry yesterday said the Government regretted the union's decision to take industrial action, but make it clear the policy would not be altered.

The strike, which will shut all Jobcentres and employment benefit offices, could start a futher wave of industrial action.

Although the final vote will be announced today, a leading union official said the result yesterday afternoon was 7,820 in favour of action, with 7,401 against. The turnout of Civil Servants working in Department of Employment offices was a surprisingly high 60 per cent.

Mr John Ellis, the moderate general secretary, was known to favour nogotiations over strikes. He was hopeful that a series of meetings he had with Mr Richard Luce, the Minister of State, Privy Council Office, could resolve the problem.

"Ultimately, negotiations are the correct course; an attempt to stop the Government employing YTS trainees across the whole of the Civil Service would be extremely difficult and costly.

"The Government has already introduced YTS trainees in DoE offices in Bolton, West Bromwich and Coventry. It is now planning to introduce them in social security offices and in the departments of defence and science. The prospects of stopping them are very remote."

However, the Militant-controlled executive has make it clear that it wants to stop the Government expanding the scheme. Privately, left-wing union officials are not clear what move to make next. The union has only just recovered from a prolonged strike earlier this year over pay negotiations.

Further industrial action will not receive any support outside the association. Mr John Sheldon, general secretary of the Civil Service Union, said the union did not oppose the YTS trainee scheme in principle.

However, the association fears the introduction of YTS trainees will lead to futher cuts in the Civil Service. It says that 150,000 Civil Servants have lost their jobs since 1979.

The Government denies that the scheme will "affect the conditions and pay or recruitment of Civil Servants".

'Fines' for shoddy solicitors

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors found guilty of shoddy work face tougher sanctions from the Solicitors' Complaints Board.

As well as being ordered to hand back part or all of their fees, they may be asked to take compulsory education courses.

The board's new powers to tackle complaints of "shoddy work" came into force in January under the Administration of Justice Act, 1985.

Since then, there have been several hundred complaints from the public alleging "shoddy work".

Mr Philip Ely, chairman of the adjudication committee, said that the penalties imposed tended to concentrate on ordering a solicitor to reduce the bill and hand money back to the client.

"But this remedy is not always appropriate; the client is not always happy to settle for money, and we have therefore decided in appropriate cases to use the new powers to impose conditions on a solicitor's current practising certificate."

These conditions might stipulate that the solicitor should attend an appropriate course of further education on a subject connected with the complaint, Mr Ely said.

If the complaint shows poor management skills, the board might stipulate the solicitor went to a management course or call in management consultants.

Mr Ely said that most complaints had related to delays and muddles in accounts procedures. They have increased total complaints to nearly 20,000 a year.

Before January, the society could deal only with complaints serious enough to amount to professional misconduct.

'Bombing terror' in £½m raids

The crew of a security van was forced to hand over £98,000 after one of them had a remote-controlled bomb strapped to his body, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Similar terror tactics enabled the same gang to steal more than £400,000 three months later.

Glen Armsby, aged 30, of Galliard Road, Edmonton, north London, has denied taking part in both raids. Donald Barratt, aged 49, has turned informant, Mr Bevan said. Barratt admitted 11 robberies.

The first robbery was on September 13, 1985, as a security van delivered cash to Imperial Cold Storage in north London, Mr Bevan said. The second one was at the security firm, Armaguard, he said.

The hearing continues today.

Doctor falsified drug trials results

A consultant psychiatrist at Durham county hospital was ordered to be struck off the medical register yesterday after he admitted falsifying results of clinical trials on a new drug.

Dr Uzair Ahmad Siddiqui was suffering a breakdown because of family problems at the time the false results were recorded, the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee was told.

Sir Herbert Duthie, chairman of the committee, told Dr Siddiqui: "Your dishonest behaviour disgraces yourself and the profession of which you are a member. We find you guilty of professional misconduct and have directed the registrar to erase your name from the register."

Mr Kieran Coonan, counsel for Dr Siddiqui, said his client's marriage was breaking up at the time and he was under considerable stress, aggravated by too heavy a workload.

He said Dr Siddiqui was paid £10,000 for conducting trials on the drug, Idazoxan, between the end of 1985 and 1986, but had used the money to fund a new registrar's post at his hospital.

Dr Siddiqui has 28 days in which to appeal.

Three-wheels driver banned

An oil rig manager was banned for 15 years and fined £500 yesterday at Norwich Crown Court for driving three miles on three wheels after a head-on crash.

David Smith, aged 43, from Gorleston, Norfolk, admitted reckless driving.

Damages paid

The widow and family of a business executive, Mr Michael Abbott, who was exposed to asbestos at a Cape Universal Cladding factory at Watford, Hertfordshire, were awarded £180,000 agreed High Court damages yesterday for his death aged 53 from an asbestos-related lung cancer.



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CBI urges Britain to fight anti-sea dumping campaign

By John Young and Edward Townsend

Moves to end the incineration and disposal of industrial waste and sewage sludge at sea were condemned yesterday by the Confederation of British Industry.

It urged the Government to "stand firm" against the campaign.

Pleading on the eve of a North Sea policy meeting of European environment ministers in London today to keep the issue of disposal "in perspective", the CBI said disposal was already subject to strict controls by the Government.

But Britain is alone in continuing to dump five million tonnes of sewage sludge at sea every year, and is likely to come under heavy pressure at the North Sea policy meeting to mend its ways.

The conference, which will be chaired by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, and will be attended by ministers from Belgium, Denmark, West Germany, France, The Netherlands, Norway and Sweden as well as EEC representatives, is expected to be dominated by recriminations over North Sea pollution.

A blockade of the Beckton sewage treatment works on the Thames in east London was mounted last night by Greenpeace, timed to coincide with the international conference on North Sea pollution to be opened by the Prince of Wales today.

Two Greenpeace vessels and eight fishing boats were used in the blockade, and a spokesman for the protesters said it would not be lifted until Britain decided to stand in line with other North Sea countries.

The North Sea contains not only Europe's biggest oilfield, but also its most prolific fishing grounds. More than four million sea birds breed around its coasts. Last week, however, the Nature Conservancy Council conceded in a report that pollution incidents during the breeding season were not as catastrophic as had been believed. The North Sea is also an increasingly important commercial seaway.

Britain is likely to be put in the dock at an early stage for its attitude to dumping in the area. The Germans, the Dutch and the Danes maintain that severe pollution of the shallow waters of the Wadden Sea, the stretch of sandbanks between the Friesian Islands and the north coast of Holland, is caused by effluent from Britain circulating south and east in an anti-clockwise direction.

Greenpeace and other environmental groups say the effluent could be spread on British farmland as manure rather than dumped at sea, but Mr Graham Mason, the CBI's director of company and environment affairs, said yesterday: "Alternative disposal routes are more theoretical than practical and their use would be less environmentally acceptable".

Mr Mason said that if the sewage sludge that Thames Water deposited at sea were moved by road for disposal onshore, farm land three times the area of London would be needed.



James Boggs with one of his "visual images", this time of American currency (Photograph: Sally Soames).

Bank puts a notes artist in the dock

A jury of eight women and four men carefully studied an American's "works of art" at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to help them to decide whether he has broken British currency laws.

Four framed drawings of bank notes by the artist, James Stephen Boggs, were handed to the jurors as he sat in the glass-panelled dock.

Mr Boggs, aged 32, who says that the "visual images" of a £10 note, a £5 note and two £1 notes are "original works of art", faces a private prosecution brought by the Bank of England.

He pleaded not guilty to four charges under section 18 of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981.

Mr Robert Harman, QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Boggs, of Denning Road, Hampstead, was not indicted for forgery or counterfeiting, but for reproducing "on any substance whatsoever and on whatever scale", banknotes or parts of them without the bank's written consent.

On September 5 last year, Mr Boggs wrote to the Governor of the Bank of England and sought written permission to continue to "make up" currency. His application was rejected.

The case continues today.

Violence at the workplace: 2

Radio links to report attacks on the Tube

In the second article on violence at work, Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent, reports on measures being taken to prevent it.

Three trial Underground trains which will give the driver an added law enforcement role are to begin running on the London Jubilee line in January.

Each carriage will have an in-built, two-way communications system so that the driver and passengers can be in contact with each other if necessary. Should the need arise, the driver can also communicate with police and London Underground control rooms.

The two-way communications system is among a range of crime prevention and safety measures. The best features from the three prototype trains will be incorporated on the Central line in the 1990s.

London Underground has also started removing ticket offices from the centre of concourses and putting them against walls, with machines embedded near them, so that they can be serviced from the rear. Rest facilities, including a lavatory, will be provided for staff behind the frontage, so that they need not leave the safety of their offices.

The Health and Safety Commission, in its *Violence to Staff in the Health Services* report, says that in any workplace, sufficient personal space is important.

Noise is a potent cause of stress. Bumpy floors, noisy trolleys and banging doors add to tension.

Wall coverings and surface finishes should be subdued rather than harsh with high contrast. Pictures and plants are relaxing.

A survey of 210 workplaces by the Labour Research Department shows that 79 per cent introduced some measures to reduce the risks to staff.

The survey cites an agreement reached by Hull City Transport that in double decker buses there should be no cash handling without protective screens. There was a commitment to provide two-way radios. On small buses there are also to be radio communications.

The Health and Safety Executive emphasized the need to monitor the effectiveness of measures adopted. After screens were fitted to London buses at a cost of £500,000, assaults dropped by 27 per cent.

In the Post Office, there are discussions between its occupational health service and the investigation department to monitor crime and support its victims. The likely result will be the allocation of staff to look after the victims.

Guidelines for staff safety issued by the Association of Directors of Social Services say employing authorities must ensure that adequate insurance arrangements are available for all who have to work with violent or potentially violent clients.

Consideration should be given to the availability of personal alarms for staff.

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12 fans on a charge of murder

A boy aged 15 and 11 other football supporters appeared before a court yesterday accused of the murder of a rival fan.

The charges came after the death of Mark Smith, aged 17, a Plymouth Argyle supporter who was involved in an incident before a second division game at Swindon, Wiltshire, on November 14.

The 12 supporters were remanded in custody until Monday after brief appearances before magistrates at Swindon. Eleven were sent to prison custody, and the boy to the care of Gloucestershire County Council.

The dead youth, a trainee joiner, of Dryburgh Crescent, Ham, Plymouth, collapsed after watching most of the first half of the match. A blood clot was removed from his brain but he died last Tuesday.

Those in court on the murder charge were:

Alan Curtis, aged 22, of Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire; Darren Drew, 18, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire; Peter John Drury, 22, of Liden, Swindon; Adam Fox, 17, of Toothill, Swindon; Paul Hanks, 21, of Wootton Bassett; Alan Russell, 19, of Swindon; Mark Stratford, 19, of Swindon; Karl Thomas, 24, of Swindon; Jamie Tomlinson, 18, of Cirencester; Mark Viveash, 19, of Wootton Bassett; Michael Webb, 22, of Wootton Bassett; and the juvenile aged 15 from Cirencester.

Six other supporters appeared before the magistrates in connection with an alleged pre-match incident.

No award for coach victims

By Robin Young

Victims of a school coach crash in France in which seven died have been told that they are unlikely to receive any compensation for their injuries.

The coach crashed in May 1985 when it was taking children from the Verulam and Beaumont Schools in St Albans, Hertfordshire, to an adventure holiday in the south of France.

A teacher, the coach driver and five children died in the crash which occurred at more than 75mph at a blackspot on the Route Nationale 110 at Ledignan, between Alès and Montpellier. All 39 survivors suffered injuries.

One girl, Andrea Perkins, aged 16, who was in a coma for a fortnight, is confined to a wheelchair. She has returned to school but may never walk again.

The victims' solicitors say that compensation is unlikely because the crash has been attributed to an act of God. The driver, Mr Harry Hughes, is believed to have suffered a brain haemorrhage at the wheel shortly before his vehicle sliced through a safety barrier and overturned.

Mr Keith Rowley, a teacher at Verulam School whose back was broken in the accident, said yesterday: "Many of the victims still have to live with the physical and mental problems that have arisen from the crash, and the outlook is pretty bleak".

Hydraulics firm leads the world

By Kerry Gill

A British company has beaten the world in the race to develop power hydraulic systems using water instead of oil.

Scot-Tech, formed by the Fenner Group of Hull, has collaborated with the Department of Trade and Industry's National Engineering Laboratory at East Kilbride, Strathclyde, to develop the technology which should eventually replace conventional oil hydraulics in a huge variety of applications ranging from the mining industry to sub-sea tools and robotics.

The company, which officially opened its premises in East Kilbride yesterday, aims to change the face of the hydraulics industry within the next five years.

Mr John Currie, Scot-Tech's general manager, said: "We start with the advantage that we have put Britain well ahead of the field and we intend to keep it there". Scot-Tech has beaten competitors from the United States, Japan and Sweden.

Mr Currie, who is also manager of the National Engineering Laboratory's power systems engineering division, led a team of three people to develop the technology to break the dominance of oil in hydraulics.

It is, in fact a return to Victorian values; hydraulic engineering at that time used water but was severely hampered by corrosion in cast iron pipes and lacked lubricity.

The problems with oil are that it is expensive and if it leaks it can either cause a fire or damage a product.

The laboratory, by 1985, had developed a technically sound system using water, but lacked adequate funding. Shell and Esso then placed a £400,000 contract with the laboratory to develop water powered tools for divers.

J H Fenner & Co, of Hull, Humberside, then agreed to fund Scot-Tech, which was set up to develop water hydraulic systems for manufacture. Fenner will make and sell the products of Scot-Tech.

Mr Currie said the initial market would be in nuclear installations, mining, sub-sea uses and military applications. Another key market is food processing.

Mr Peter Barman, managing director of the Fenner group, said: "The Scot-Tech team has, of course, already put in a vast amount of work but there is still much development to be done and we envisage it will be some time before we see volume production".



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WORLD SUMMARY

Czech police raid Charter meeting

Vienna (Reuter) – Czechoslovak police broke up a weekend meeting of the Charter 77 human rights organization in a Prague flat after smashing down the door in what they said was a search for a suspected criminal.

Emigré sources here said that more than a dozen people, including Mr Jiri Hajek, the former Foreign Minister, were detained at the home of Mrs Libuse Silhanova, the Charter spokeswoman. All were freed after being questioned.

● **WARSAW:** A secret meeting of Poland's newly-revived Socialist Party here at the weekend named a veteran dissident, Mr Jan Jozef Lipski, aged 60, as its leader, the group's spokesman said yesterday (Reuter reports).

Bhopal deal anger

Delhi (AP) – Opposition members walked out of the Indian Parliament yesterday after the Government refused to explain its position regarding an out-of-court settlement over the Bhopal gas disaster.

The Government has sued Union Carbide for $3 billion (£1.7 billion) for the toxic gas leak on December 3, 1984, that killed more than 2,600 people, seriously injured 20,000 and affected another 185,000, in the central Indian city of Bhopal.

White on spy count

Harare – Miss Odile Eone Harrington, aged 27, a white South African, appeared in the High Court here yesterday charged with having passed information on the African National Congress to the South African security service (Jan Raath writes).

She pleaded not guilty. The defence admits her mission was to "spy against the ANC", but argues that since South Africa could not be described as an enemy she could not have committed an offence.

Iran blames Britain

Iran has circulated a protest note at the United Nations over an alleged violation of its territorial waters by a Royal Navy unit on October 10, but failed to identify the vessel involved (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Meanwhile Gulf sources reported an Iranian naval attack yesterday on a Romanian freighter, the 8,750-tonne Fundulea, in the Strait of Hormuz in which three crewmen were seriously wounded. Sources in Dubai said that the Iranians also fired on a Panamanian ship and warned off a supporting French naval vessel.

Detention challenge

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) – Malaysia's first Prime Minister and two other leading politicians condemned the detention of a social reformer under the Internal Security Act in affidavits to Kuala Lumpur's High Court yesterday.

The former leaders Tunku Abdul Rahman and Tun Hussein Onn and the former opposition leader, Tan Sri Tan Chee Khoon, said it was wrong to detain Mr Chandra Muzaffar because he was not a communist.

Rancher candidate

Mexico City (NYT) – In an unexpectedly decisive vote, Mexico's principal opposition National Action Party has chosen Señor Manuel Clouthier, aged 53, a wealthy rancher, as its candidate for president in next July's general election.

He will face Señor Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the former budget and planning minister. He is the choice of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, which has won every election since taking power in 1929.

Athlete spared death

Colombo (Reuter) – Reginald Spiers, aged 44, a former Australian javelin champion, was saved from the death penalty yesterday when an appeals court overturned his conviction for smuggling drugs.

Spiers was not released from custody and was escorted back to a Colombo prison where he has been kept since receiving the death sentence last June. Fresh charges were expected to be brought for possessing a forged passport.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

New York – The best argument that I have heard for the modest agreement to cut the American budget deficit is that it might have been worse. There might have been no agreement at all, or the negotiators might have settled for something which would then have been rejected by Congress.

There was never a point when the talks almost broke up in explosive disarray, but there were occasions last week when there was a real danger that they would produce nothing in time. Now the principal figures have decided to make the best of what they have been able to agree, confident that they will be able to get this through Congress.

But no matter how it is dressed up, the deal is only a modest one. I have met nobody in the financial community in this city who is much impressed by it.

Why then did the politicians have to labour so long to produce so little to relieve the very real anxieties reflected in the money markets at home and abroad? The answers seem to me to tell us a good deal of the United States as a country, and about the way it is governed today.

First of all, the anxiety is largely confined to the financial community. That should still in theory have been sufficient warning to Washington. But the distance between the nation's financial and political capitals is greater than the hour's flight between them.

It is never safe to assume that what Wall Street thinks today Washington will accept tomorrow. Perhaps that is partly because there is a strong populist tradition in the United States that is deeply suspicious of bankers. At all events, the major influence on senators and congressmen is exercised not by the financial community but by public opinion back home in their states and districts.

Last week I spent some days in the mid-West. There I found business confidence not so much affected as I would have expected by the stock market crash.

The businessmen to whom I spoke certainly wanted lower deficits and stable exchanges. But life had been relatively unaffected by what had been happening on the stock markets. So their concern was nothing like so sharp as in the financial community.

This seems to have been typical of opinion around the country. New York financiers tell me that even senior businessmen with whom they have been dealing do not share their anxiety. So there has not been the public pressure that would have been required to force the politicians to abandon more of their entrenched positions.

The differences that needed to be reconciled in the budget negotiations were not simply between the parties or between the President and Congress. The Democrats in the House wanted less spent on defence than the Democrats in the Senate. Some Senate Republicans were not prepared to make such deep cuts in domestic spending as the Republicans in the House.

A substantial agreement would have required some restriction on the cost-of-living allowances (COLAs) on Social Security and other retirement pensions. A freeze of some months on increases in these allowances was considered.

But this would have been practical politics only if it had been accompanied by a freeze for a similar length of time on any further tax cuts. That, however, was absolutely ruled out by the President.

Even if he had agreed to a combined tax and COLA freeze, it could not have been taken for granted that the House Republicans would have gone along. Most of them are strongly opposed not only to any increase in personal taxes, but also to any delay in cuts already announced. Yet without such a concession and pressure from Mr Reagan there would have been no chance of persuading them.

So the negotiators probably reached just about as good a deal as was available in the political circumstances. The danger is that there may have to be further economic damage before the circumstances change.

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Geneva nuclear talks a defeat for military establishments

Inspection deal ends era of secrecy

From Christopher Walker
Geneva

As final details of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty were being hammered out by US and Soviet negotiators yesterday, details emerged here of radical steps already agreed which will end the secrecy surrounding nuclear missile sites.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, said in an interview with US journalists: "A great deal has already been settled about inspection and the arrangements will go far beyond anything ever contemplated in earlier treaties. The fact that there will be inspections is settled; that they will go to the sensitive places is settled; that there will be a capability of seeing what is going on is settled; actual procedures for how to get there are also settled.

"The question of how frequently you can go is settled; the time period through which we will go, 13 years – that is, three years during the dismantlement process and 10 years after – is settled."

A United Nations disarmament expert told *The Times* that the on-site inspection procedure (which will have to be developed in the hoped-for treaty reducing long-range missiles) had been stubbornly resisted by both the American and Soviet defence establishments.

"For the military men, and even more for the CIA and the KGB, this smacked of a kamikaze exercise," the expert said. "Having spent most of their careers working out ways to keep these secrets from the other side, they are now going to have to learn to put up with a legalized presence of 'the enemy' in a most intrusive fashion."

Mr Shultz defended vigorously the concept of negotiating vital last details of the INF agreement against the deadline of a summit.

Those talks start on December 7 and the missiles pact is due to be signed during that meeting.

The deadline has been criticized by "hawks" in Washington, but Mr Shultz argued that it was the only way certain sensitive issues of verification could ever be resolved.

On Afghanistan, the key regional issue on the summit agenda, Mr Shultz revealed that recent Soviet discussions about an eventual withdrawal had been "increasingly frank and realistic".

He said both the US and the Soviet Union were agreed that a future Afghan Government must be non-aligned.



Hands of friendship: Mr Shevardnadze and Mr Shultz in confident mood at the Soviet mission in Geneva yesterday.

Surprise at Soviet stockpile

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

The Russians have taken the Americans by surprise in admitting that they have more than 600 of the shorter-range nuclear missiles which are to be eliminated under an Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty due to be signed in Washington on December 8.

One of the remaining obstacles to full agreement on the text of the treaty has been Soviet reluctance to provide US negotiators with all the data on their INF inventory.

The Americans have been negotiating on the basis of a Soviet deployment of 441 SS20 medium-range missiles – each with three warheads – and about 150 modified SS12 and SS23 shorter-range weapons. But US sources say that the Russians have now supplied more information which reveals that they have hundreds of extra shorter-range missiles as spares.

Western estimates of SS20 deployments have been confirmed by the Russians, but the shorter-range inventory is said to have caused "quite a shock".

Although the latest INF negotiations in Geneva between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, are now almost guaranteed to end successfully, one sticking point has been the legal status of the INF sites in the Nato European basing countries.

Once the 96 cruise missiles have been removed from Greenham Common in Berkshire the site could revert to RAF use, which would make it legally difficult for the Russians to demand inspection of the base.

Although the British Government accepts that the Russians should have the right to inspect the two cruise sites at Greenham and Molesworth after the missiles have been returned to the US, the INF treaty will refer only to Soviet and American bases. The sources said yesterday that it may be necessary to keep a few token American officers at the two bases.

Carlucci may purge Pentagon hardliners

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Mr Frank Carlucci was sworn in formally yesterday as the new US Secretary of Defence, after a reassurance by the White House to nervous conservatives at the weekend that he was "as tough as Cap Weinberger ever was".

The former National Security Adviser has already raised fears among conservatives with his hints of flexibility on the Pentagon budget, and critics say that he will not pursue the Strategic Defence Initiative with the same zeal as Mr Weinberger.

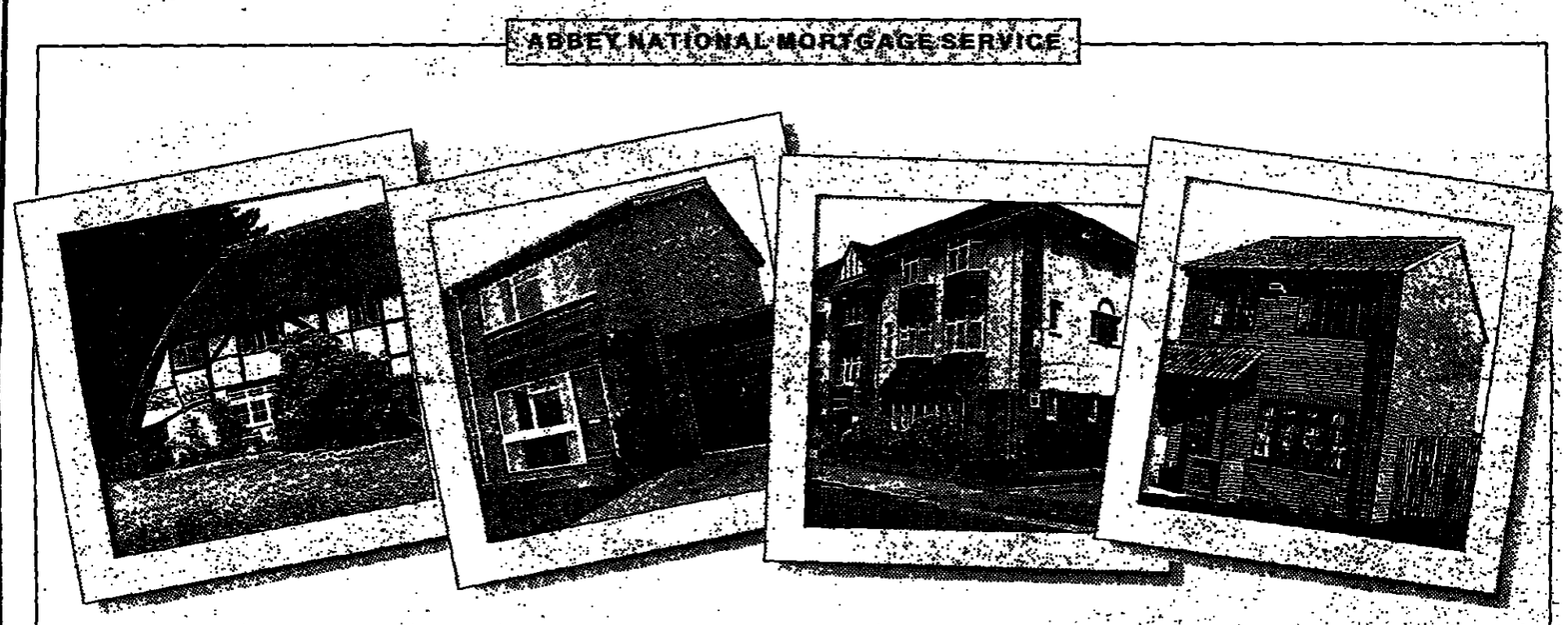
The prompt resignation of Mr Frank Gaffney, aged 34, the Assistant Defence Secretary, has prompted speculation that Mr Carlucci will purge the hardliners from the Pentagon before the coming summit meeting.

Mr Howard Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, denied on television that the Administration was negotiating under a deadline, and said that Mr Reagan would not sign a treaty until the verification issues were resolved. "The President is perfectly capable of walking away from this proposed treaty," he said.

However, Mr Gaffney, who expressed public doubts about the treaty, gave a warning that public expectations were so high that President Reagan would not be able to walk away from a treaty.

Mr Carlucci has asked Mr Ronald Lehman, aged 41, the chief negotiator on strategic arms talks in Geneva, to be his Assistant Defence Secretary.

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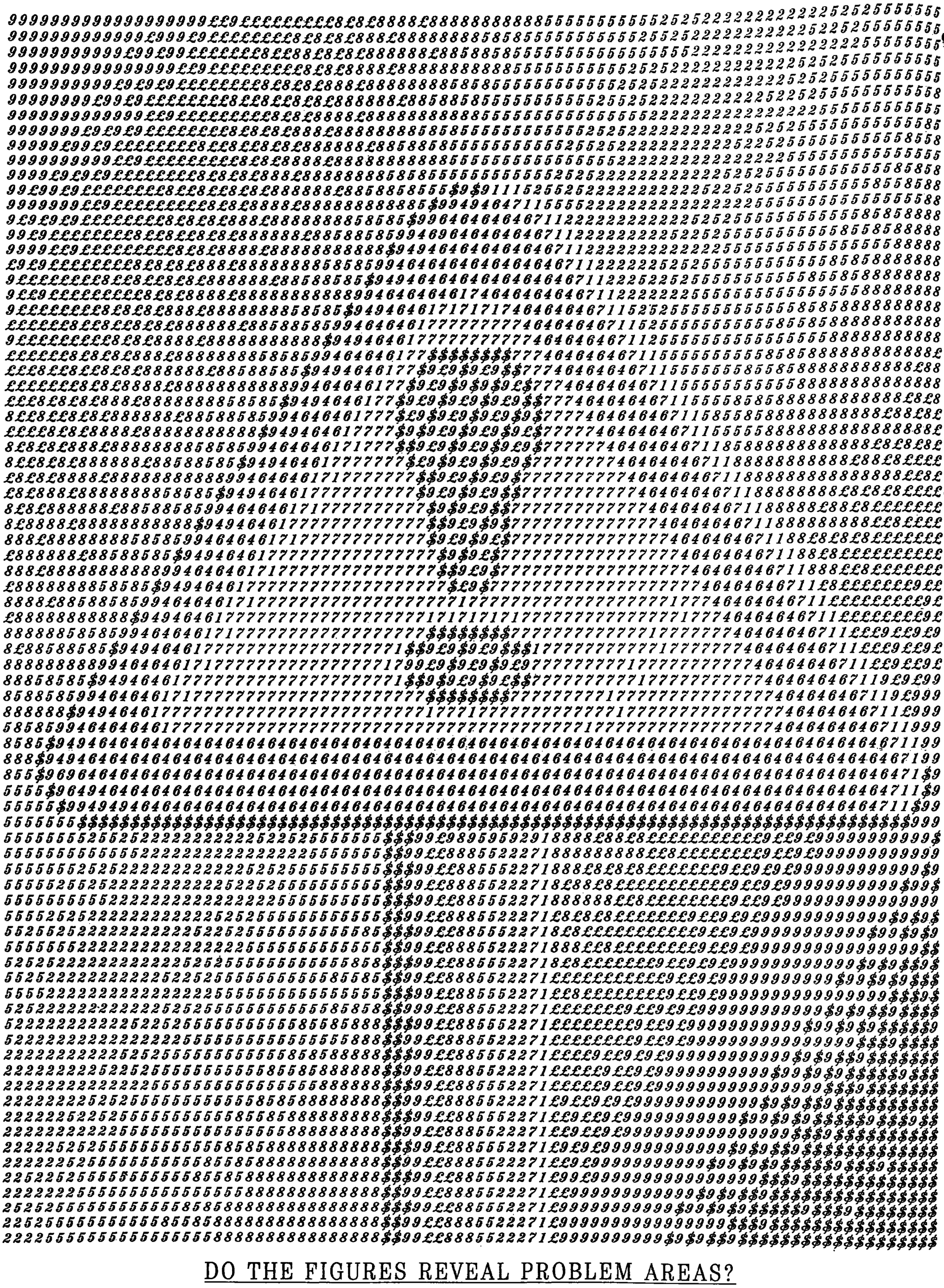
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Reagan may give pardons to North and Poindexter

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Conservative Republicans are backing a call for presidential pardons for Rear-Admiral John Poindexter and Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the two central figures in the Iran-Contra affair, who are almost certainly facing criminal prosecution.

The White House is refusing to discuss the possibility, but rumours are rife that President Reagan is anxious to issue pardons and would like to do it on Thanksgiving Day this Thursday, citing the season of forgiveness.

It would cause an immense row, as did the pardon granted to Mr Richard Nixon after he resigned the presidency in 1974. President Ford lost the 1976 election, and many political analysts believe that the "full, free and absolute" pardon he gave Mr Nixon was the main reason.

Criminal charges could be levelled against Admiral Poindexter and Colonel North as early as January, although pre-trial manoeuvring could then take another two years.

Judge William Clark, a former National Security Adviser and a close personal friend of Mr Reagan from California, wrote to the President saying that the two men should be pardoned because their role in the Iran-Contra affair had been at "considerable personal risk" and "without consideration for personal gain". He added that a pardon was not necessarily a recognition that any criminal conduct had occurred.

"It would simply be an expression of your conclusion that the story has been told, that the people involved have suffered enough and that neither they, the office of the President, nor the country should be forced to endure an extended criminal trial."

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said flatly that he would not discuss the question of pardons.

If pardons are to be issued, some time in the coming weeks would be a good time. The expected good news that will accompany the visit to Washington next month of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, might help to obscure the row that would inevitably ensue.

Mr Lawrence Walsh, the special prosecutor who is preparing criminal cases against Admiral Poindexter, Colonel North and others, opposes pardons fiercely. With an army of lawyers and agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he has spent a year painstakingly putting together his case.

Vice-President George Bush could suffer severe political damage from the controversy. Opinion polls suggest that, despite the star performance of Colonel North during the Iran-Contra hearings, the public would be offended if the alleged culprits in the affair were to escape justice.

Only last month President Reagan said that he did not believe that Admiral Poindexter or Colonel North had broken any laws. But commentators are already saying that pardons would damage the reputation Mr Reagan still enjoys as a man of integrity.

Cuban riots erupt in second US jail

From Charles Bremner
New York

Cuban prisoners, who fear being sent home, rioted at an Atlanta prison yesterday as a siege continued at a Louisiana detention centre, where 1,000 Cuban prisoners were holding 28 hostages and demanding a promise that they could stay in America.

Police and security forces sought to quell the disturbance in Atlanta which broke out early yesterday when some among the 1,500 Cuban prisoners there started setting fire to buildings.

By noon the police said they had the prisoners under control. Most of the prisoners are due to be deported to Cuba under an agreement that also sparked the take-over and arson at Oakdale Prison in Louisiana on Saturday.

The pact allows the United States to send back 2,500 Cuban "undesirables" who arrived in the 1980 "boatlift" from the port of Mariel in return for receiving up to 27,000 new Cuban immigrants a year.

As the siege at the Oakdale Prison dragged through its second day, spokesmen for the prisoners repeated demands that they would not release their hostages — all guards and prison staff — until a senior official from Washington promised they would not be deported under the accord.

Immigration officials said there was no chance their demands would be met, but as long as the hostages remained unharmed the security forces would not storm the prison, which was ringed by National Guard troops.

Waldheim finds a welcome



President Waldheim of Austria receiving a bouquet from a child in traditional dress at the start yesterday of his three-day visit to Pakistan. The controversial former UN Secretary-General began his visit with a call for peace in neighbouring Afghanistan, saying that the UN "can... and should play a useful role" for a neutral Afghanistan, "but we need peace in the first place" (Reuter reports from Islamabad). Dr Waldheim, shunned by the West because of controversy over his record as a German officer during the Second World War, was given a 21-gun salute and cheered by thousands at Islamabad airport, where he was received by President Zia of Pakistan and his Prime Minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo. Dr Waldheim's talks are expected to focus on the war between the Soviet-backed Afghan Government and Western-backed guerrillas, the Gulf War and North-South issues.

Killers go on election rampage in Haiti

Port-au-Prince (Reuter) — A man was killed as gunmen fired at random during an arson attack on the largest market in Haiti yesterday. The violence was the latest episode in the run-up to presidential elections on Sunday.

Witnesses at the market said that armed men forced them to shout: "Down with the CEP", the Provisional Electoral Council supervising the elections and criticized for rejecting some candidates.

Train attack

Maputo (Reuter) — Six people were killed when a train hit a mine and was attacked by rebels in southern Mozambique, the official AIM news agency reported.

Exit refugees

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Hong Kong is to send back to temporary homes in China the last of 2,300 Vietnamese refugees who took refuge here.

Army inquiry

The Hague (Reuter) — The Dutch Army is investigating claims by two conscripts of sexual blackmail.

Princess home

Rangoon (AP) — The Princess Royal flew home after a three-day visit to Burma.

Middle East peace search

Peres pays his third visit to No10 in a year

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The door of 10 Downing Street swung open yesterday for Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister of Israel, for the third time this year.

Almost no foreign leader has access to the Prime Minister so regularly as does the leader of Israel's Labour Party. The exception is King Husain of Jordan, the other half of the regional odd-couple relationship forged by a common desire to promote an international conference on the Middle East.

After more than an hour of talks, Mr Peres and Mrs Thatcher reaffirmed their support for an international conference and described it as the best prospect for progress.

During the last three years a pattern of regular visits to Mrs Thatcher has emerged, usually with one leader following the other closely. The Prime Minister's role appears to be that of sympathetic sounding board rather than passer-on of messages.



Mr Peres yesterday.

Mrs Thatcher is well placed... her views are respected in Jordan, Washington and Moscow 9

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Peres said he had not come to make any requests, but that he would welcome the use of her influence. "I think that Mrs Thatcher is well placed, because there is respect for her in Jordan, her views are very much respected in Washington and in Moscow".

Mrs Thatcher's influence in Washington could prove vital to his chances of swinging Israel's divided public opinion in his favour.

With the Israeli general election now only a year away, Mr Peres needs all the advance help he can get to convince Israelis that an international conference under UN auspices would be in their interests. Perhaps half of the country, led by the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, sees it as a formula for handing back to Arab neighbours everything that Israel gained on the battlefield.

Mr Peres yesterday agreed that he will fight the election on the conference issue, presenting it to Israelis as a solution to Israel's wider economic problems and not merely to its immediate security concerns. But to make that case he needs to demonstrate that a grateful Washington will reward Israel for making peace with its neighbours by guaranteeing its future levels of economic and military aid.

Last Tuesday Mr Peres appeared to have achieved exactly that. He was quoted as saying that the Reagan Administration was ready to reach memoranda of understanding with the Israeli Government. These would deal with the nature of the proposed conference and with future levels of American economic and military aid.

The reference to "the nature of the conference" was an answer to Israeli fears that President Reagan's successor might reverse the Administration's policy on the shape of any such conference. Washington and Whitehall agree that the five permanent members of the UN Security Council should act as sponsors and that the conference should serve as an umbrella for direct talks between Israeli and Arab leaders.

The opposite view, held by Moscow and opposed by all shades of Israeli political opinion, is that the international conference should have mandatory powers to impose a solution. But 24 hours after Mr Peres made his remarks, Mr Charles Redman, the US State Department spokesman, denied that there had been any such US proposal.

Mr Peres told *The Times* that he had been misquoted. "I have said that if we shall reach this stage of having an international conference, *my impressions* are that the United States will be ready to sign with us a memo of understanding. It will take place only when the Israeli Government take a decision. This must be a request by the Israeli Government."

Though he did not say as much, the effect is that, if he wins the Israeli election, he will have to negotiate the memoranda with the next American administration rather than with President Reagan.

He accepted that a memorandum of understanding would not bind the next President, but added: "Usually in the US there is a tradition of Presidents respecting commitments... of a moral nature, done by their predecessors."

Mr Peres, who speaks slowly with a gravelly voice, reminding one of Dr Henry Kissinger, acknowledged reluctantly the limitations of what he can achieve at this stage: until Israel makes up its mind, there can be no conference, and given the attitude of Likud, Labour's partner in the Jerusalem coalition Government, progress is unlikely before next November's election.

After a long sigh, he replied: "Well, maybe not much can be achieved, but a great deal can be lost on what we have already established, and if (perhaps) we can make some small advantages".

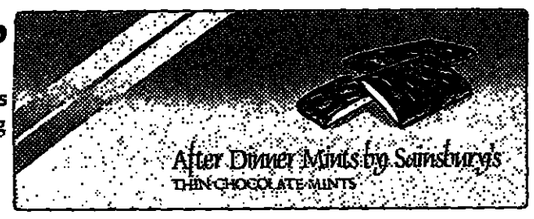
There have been suggestions that Mr Peres's shuttle diplomacy is more frequent than the prospects warrant, and that the real purpose of his travels is to change opinion at home.

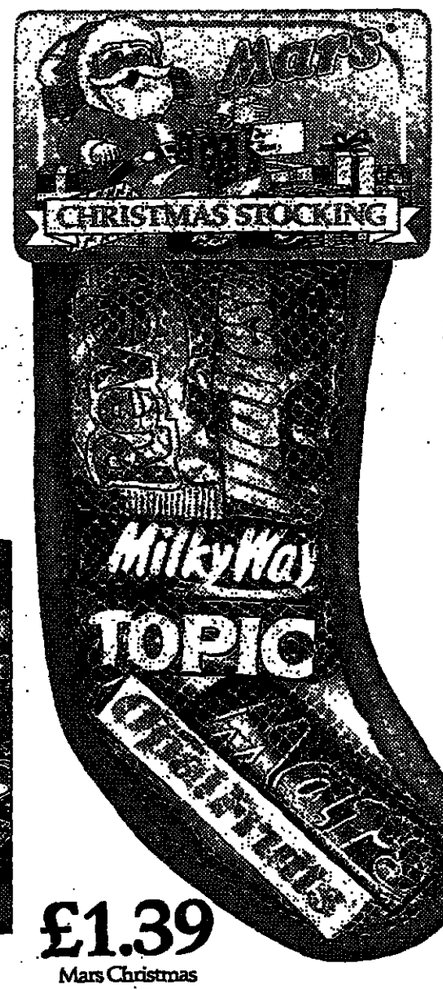
He replied: "I am not so sure. I think that to change public opinion should be basically done at home".

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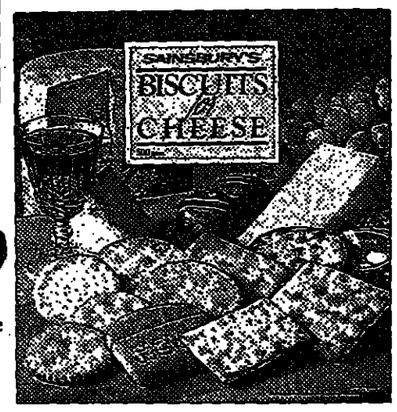




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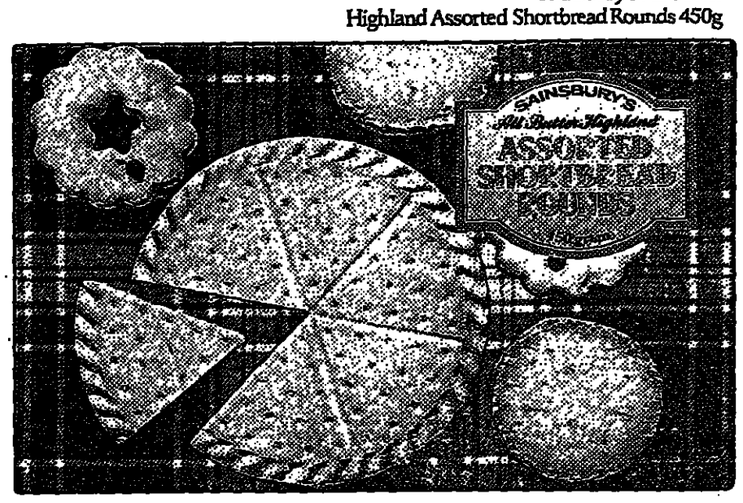
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Britain offers 'clean slate' scheme to end EEC food surpluses

From Richard Owen, Brussels

As EEC foreign and farm ministers yesterday began tough last-ditch bargaining before next week's European Community summit in Copenhagen, Britain put forward an initiative to reduce the present food mountains once and for all at national rather than EEC cost.

This would "make a clean slate" from which to start a reformed common agricultural policy, British officials said. But many European officials were sceptical, viewing the move as partly designed to counteract the view that Mrs Thatcher is being "negative" or "obstructionist" over ways to ease the cash crisis. "She still wants cast-iron guarantees that future farm output will be cut automatically," one EEC official said.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, expressed guarded optimism over the prospects for Copenhagen, not least in view of a degree of Anglo-French understanding at the weekend. But the mood at the parallel farm ministers' meeting yesterday was gloomy, and at times truculent. Mr John McGregor, the Minister of Agriculture, said the EEC was "a long way from agreement".

It became clear that however *cordiale* the *entente* at the top following Mrs Thatcher's talks in Paris on Sunday with M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, M François Guillaume, the French Farm Minister, remains close to Herr Ignaz Kiechle, the West German Farm Minister, in his unwillingness to approve sweeping cuts in cereals or other products. The two men argue that French and German farmers have suffered enough already from cuts.

The EEC is facing bankruptcy, with farm spending running at nearly £20 billion a year or about two-thirds of the total budget. Sir Geoffrey said this would rise – if unchecked – to nearly £30 billion within a decade. Diplomats said that, if farm ministers remained unable to agree on farm cuts by the weekend, the matter could be taken out of their hands by the foreign ministers, who return to Brussels for a final pre-summit session on Sunday. Denmark, which holds the EEC presidency, is under pressure to make the farm ministers hold a "marathon" meeting until they reach a compromise.

Sir Geoffrey said the "clean slate" plan, under which the cost of disposing of existing farm surpluses would be borne by national governments, rather than be written into the limited EEC budget as an annual cost, would save the Community some £4 billion in one go. But officials admitted that it was not clear whether the scheme referred to excess food produced by an EEC country or to surpluses stored in it.

Sir Geoffrey said it was generally accepted that sound EEC finances involved automatic limits to farm output, known as "stabilizers". But finding the political will to implement them between now and December 4 would be a "long hard grind".

To go to Copenhagen without a deal on farm stabilizers would be like Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark, Sir Geoffrey said.

Perhaps it was in response to this Shakespearean thrust that the Danes yesterday put forward a fresh compromise on cutting back cereals output by taking land out of production, the controversial "set aside" scheme.

There was disagreement yesterday over a Commission proposal for basing EEC revenues partly on gross national product in a national wealth tax, rather than wholly on VAT receipts as at present. This could resolve the cash shortage and enable the Commission to double regional and social spending to the poorer regions of southern Europe. But Sir Geoffrey said the new resources system would reduce Britain's hard-won budget rebate – in reality, a reduction in its contribution for the following year – and increase its net contribution to EEC coffers.

Petrol bombs hurled at Roh motorcade

From Gavin Bell
Seoul

Mr Roh Tae Woo, the candidate of the ruling Democratic Justice Party in the forthcoming South Korean presidential election, escaped injury yesterday when several petrol bombs were hurled at his motorcade in the southern industrial city of Masan.

The incident was one of several that have indicated a rise in the temperature of the campaign in recent days, with a lively exchange of invective, eggs, stones and tear gas.

A more bloody incident took place at the weekend, when a soldier was wounded by gunfire from North Korean troops across the demilitarized zone. The official view, as expressed by the Defence Ministry, was that the North was trying to foment unrest "capitalizing on the current presidential election mood".

Whether or not this is true, the shooting highlighted the vulnerability of next year's Seoul Olympics to any tension along the DMZ, 50 miles north of the South Korean capital. It was the second flare-up of its kind this year, after the sinking of a South Korean trawler by a North Korean warship in which 11 crewmen died last month.

On the domestic campaign trail, much of the friction has been attributed to chronic hostility between the southern provinces of Cholla and Kyongsang. Mr Kim Dae Jung, the veteran dissident leader, hails from Cholla, while Mr Kim Young Sam, his opposition rival, and Mr Roh both come from Kyongsang.

All have been given rough receptions each time one has ventured into another's territory, provoking rumbles of discontent from the the man who still runs the country.

President Chun told a recent Cabinet meeting: "These days we are seeing a replay of the evil characteristics of the direct election system. I cannot help but worry about this." This was followed by a terse warning from a government spokesman that proviacialism and political violence would not be tolerated.

If Mr Chun is concerned, then everybody else also has a right to be. Each candidate has been appealing for calm while accusing each other of inciting the unrest, without much apparent effect.

Mr Kim Jong Pil, the fourth leading contender, has presented himself as the only one capable of dispelling regional animosity: his mother is from Cholla, his wife is from Kyongsang, and he is from neither. Whether this relative diversity will appeal to the partisan masses remains to be seen, but seems unlikely.

Mr Shin Jeong Yil, the leader of an obscure religious sect, has entered the lists with the avowed intention of using his spiritual powers to promote peace and understanding between the main rivals.

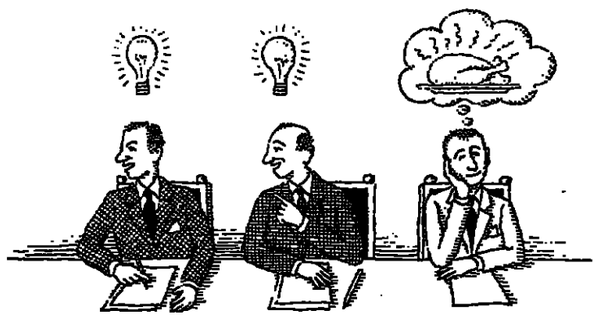
Completing the official list of six candidates for the December 16 election is Mrs Hong Sook Ja, the first woman to aspire to lead the country. Mrs Hong, president of a federation of women's organizations and a former diplomat, says that democracy should be restored to South Korea by a woman because men tend to be authoritarian both at home and elsewhere. While this may be true, it is unlikely to endear her to roughly half of the electorate.



A beaming welcome in Chonju yesterday from a supporter of Mr Kim Jong Pil, right, one of the presidential candidates.

● Currency move: The Finance Ministry said yesterday it will allow Koreans to take more foreign currency overseas because of improvements in the current account surplus (AP reports). The ministry plans to put the measures into effect next month.

He who has not eaten thinks of little else.



As the meeting discussed the rising cost of raw materials, a vision passed before Wilkinson.

Not the delectable Ms. Honeyfeather. But a plate of perfectly sliced Parma ham folded between fragrant slivers of Charentais melon.

Then a halibut swam into view as Smithson spoke cogently about North Sea oil prices.

"How will this affect our sales in France, Wilkinson?"

"Boeuf Bourguignon!" he blurted. "With sauté potatoes and petits pois, washed down with a Beaujolais Villages '85."

Wilkinson, unfortunately, had not followed his colleagues' advice to travel to the meeting First Class on InterCity.

Not for him the luxury of attentive waiters serving food and drink at comfortable tables.

No second helping of toast for him, no coffee cup re-filled at the hint of a nod.

No choice of traditional Grill Tray or Continental Breakfast.

He had gone by car.

He had not allowed for contra-flows and road works.

He was tired, tattered but above all famished.

The Chairman leaned across, eyebrows half raised, a question forming on his lips.

Wilkinson anticipated him with what he felt was a stroke of genius.

"Coq au Vin!" he crowed.

INTERCITY

Hanoi and church attempt to bury mutual suspicions

From David Watts, Ho Chi Minh City

The release of at least 60 Catholic priests from re-education camps coincides with increased efforts towards co-existence between the Roman Catholic Church and the Government in Vietnam. This comes despite the jailing last month of 21 Catholics on charges of terrorism and disrupting public security.

Vietnamese Catholic Church leaders have distanced themselves from the imprisoned militant Catholics, and after a meeting with Mr Nguyen Van Linh, Secretary-General of the Communist Party, the mainstream of the Church is hopeful that the suspicion and limiting of the Church's activities that have marked the relationship since the fall of Saigon in 1975 will dissipate.

● The party saw Catholics as foreign agents ●

"When he was party chief of Ho Chi Minh he attended many Catholic meetings and it's clear from his speech that he understands quite a lot about the Bible," according to Father Phan Khac Tu of the parish of Vuon Xoai.

"At the meeting with the bishops he said that the party respects the right of conscience, and he admitted that the behaviour of some state officials towards the Catholics was not appropriate. The party must show the Church more respect and the Church must not break the law."

Contacts at the senior level have been followed by more regular meetings at the provincial level, according to the priest, who said that there were now more ordinations and plans to increase the number of seminaries from one each in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City to four, with additions in Can Tho and Vinh, to make an eventual total of six.

The suspicion between Church and party dates from the strong anti-communist stance of the Catholics under the Diem, Thieu and Ky regimes in the 1960s and 1970s. The Communists, for their part, saw many Catholics as agents of foreign powers dating from the introduction of Catholicism by the French and Portuguese.

Father Thu was an early opponent of the governments of South Vietnam, having studied in France and worked as a rubbish collector in Saigon, and recalls throwing petrol bombs at cars passing his parish in 1972.

Having been wealthy under anti-communist governments, the Church became poor almost overnight. But Father Thu's congregation of 7,500 contributes some 30,000 dong a month to the Church, a sizeable sum given the cities' income levels.

That money helps maintain four sub-priests and three religious sisters. Countrywide the Church claims 500,000 believers, or 6 to 7 per cent of the population.

"We are freer every day," said Father Thu, diplomatically noting that ever since the Second Vatican Council the Catholic Church and Communist parties worldwide had moved towards greater accommodation.

● God doesn't permit ceasing work in face of Communism ●

In Ho Chi Minh City, Catholics, previously excluded from social work, are once again permitted to pursue careers in medicine and to do charitable work. Not surprisingly, no priests have taken up membership of the Communist Party.

"The religion of our God must be a catalyst in this society. God does not permit us to cease our work in the face of Communism ... The ideology of socialism is to build a welfare society for all.

Thaw in Marxist hostility to Rome

By Alexander Johnson

In addition to the relaxation in Vietnam, there are signs elsewhere in the world of a loosening-up in the attitude of Marxist-Leninist regimes towards their long-suppressed Roman Catholic minority churches.

After 30 years of enforced separation between the Vatican and the millions of Catholics in Communist China, negotiations are under way for a visit to Peking by the Pope, according to senior Catholic sources in Hong Kong yesterday. Hopes of a papal visit have been raised by talks in Peking between Cardinal Jaime Sin of the Phillppines and the Communist Party leader, Mr Zhao Ziyang – the highest-level contact since the Vatican and Peking severed relations in 1957.

The visit, which may still be some time away, would reunite the Papacy with millions of Chinese Christians who have been persecuted since the 1949 takeover and particularly during the Cultural Revolution of 1966 to 1976.

Many were forced to renounce their allegiance to the Pope in favour of the state-approved Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association.

Quite separately, there are also signals that the Soviet authorities may reinstate the banned Uniate, or Eastern rite, Ukrainian Catholic Church after more than 40 years of repression, according to Mr Yosip Terelya, who has been leading negotiations with the authorities on behalf of the Church, in the latest edition of the *Ukrainian Weekly*, published in Jersey City in the United States.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church, with four million members, has been banned since 1946 because Moscow is nervous of its foreign allegiance, both to the Pope and to the cause of Ukrainian nationalism.

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Russia woos India as US improves its prospects

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Cries of *Hindi-Roosi bhai-bhai* (Indians and Russians are brothers) greeted Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, as he arrived yesterday at Raipur in Madhya Pradesh on his way to visit the massive Russian-built steel mill at Bhilai on the third day of a high-profile tour of India.

Mr Ryzhkov's tour, which ends tomorrow, is a glittering celebration of the "brotherhood" of the two countries, a reinforcement of the apparent strength of Indo-Soviet ties, and an attempted answer to those critics of the Delhi Government who are complaining that India is beginning to tilt away from this now traditional relationship.

The tour marks the beginning of the year-long festival of Russia in India, and Mr Ryzhkov's arrival here has been made to sparkle, with a big display of fireworks in the night sky above Delhi, star-spangled performances by the Bolshoi Ballet and the Moscow State Circus, and even the presence of the first woman in space, Mrs Valentina Nikolayeva-Tereshkova.

Indian stores have displays of Russian ceramics, Delhi cinemas are showing Soviet films, a new portrait of the late Indira Gandhi by a Russian artist has been unveiled. In Nehru Park, near the diplomatic quarter, a Lenin statue has been set up. Folk dancers from the republics of Georgia, Estonia, Kazakhstan, the Ukraine, Armenia, Byelorussia and Turkmenistan are leaping and bounding. There is even a Russian jazz group and a brass band.

But the visit coincides with a growing feeling that the Government of Mr Rajiv Gandhi is slowly — very slowly — swinging towards an attitude more friendly with the United States. Certainly the Indian Communists sense such a shift, for Mr C. Rajeshwara Rao, Secretary-General of the Communist Party of India, is this week quoted as saying: "It is clear that he wants to bring US imperialists into our key sectors, defence technology and training of key personnel by the front door, instead of the back door."

The American Ambassador here, Mr John Gunther Dean, agrees that recently the US has been "flavour of the month", though with the caveat that there are 12 or even 13 such flavours each year. But just before Mr Gandhi's visit to Washington last month Mr Dean admitted there is something of a new era in relations.

"Before 1985," he said, "if I had raised the subject of defence and security co-operation there would have been very little to talk about. But today the subject sustains long articles in the press and, more importantly, long discussions in government buildings in Delhi and Washington."

Even the Soviet Embassy here admits realistically: "It is a misconception that we discourage improvement in ties between India and the United States."

Mr Sergei Velichkin, a political counsellor, told *Sunday*, a Calcutta English-language magazine, that "there are some adventurers in the US State Department who might be seriously believing in moving towards an alliance with India".

The United States has been increasingly in favour in South Block, the sandstone secretariat buildings designed to house the British imperial government by Sir Herbert Baker, since the growth of the cool feelings between Pakistan and the US over General Zia's nuclear ambitions. But the swing began to be noticed as early as the visit by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, in 1985.

After that the US approved the sale of an advanced jet fighter engine for use in India's own light combat aircraft, and two months ago it issued a licence allowing India to acquire the powerful IBM 3090 computer for designing the plane. In October Mr Gandhi declared that the US had responded generously to an Indian shopping list for other defence projects.

America is now going to train Indian bureaucrats, despite the outcry over CIA brainwashing that may well be raised. This new closeness has been leading Russia into ever more determination to help the Indians. Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, has gone so far as to give political support to the Indian Prime Minister, embattled by the Bofors and other scandals. The crisis facing Mr Gandhi, he declared, would blow over.

Mr Ryzhkov's visit and the year-long cultural festival that he has inaugurated are part of the same Russian plan to keep good friends. Agreements for co-operation in science and technology have been signed during the visit and greater exchanges in the field of higher education are planned.

Delhi — India yesterday announced the end of the 48-hour ceasefire it had unilaterally declared with the Sri Lankan guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (Michael Hamlyn writes). The Foreign Ministry said that the Government regretted very deeply that the guerrillas had not responded positively.



Police guarding deserted streets during the general strike in Dhaka read a newspaper for the latest details of the unrest.

Ershad pledges 'last drop of blood'

Dhaka (Reuter) — President Ershad of Bangladesh, beset by a two-week campaign to force him out, yesterday pledged to "protect the sovereignty of the country to the last drop of my blood".

He blamed unspecified left-wing groups for having started the anti-government nationwide general strike called by 21 opposition parties, and ordered police to get tougher with the protesters.

Riot police, meanwhile, fired warning shots to break up street fighting between government and opposition supporters as the strike continued.

Police yesterday arrested a Bangladeshi freelance journalist who works for the BBC and for *The Christian Science Monitor* and served him with a one-month detention order, his family said.

About 20 armed police arrested Ataus Samad, aged 50, at his home at 2 am. He was taken to a police station and sent to Dhaka central jail after being served with a detention order. His arrest came just three days after President Ershad blamed the British media for distorted coverage of strikes that have paralysed Bangladesh for the last two weeks.

The Information Ministry said that Mr Samad had been detained "for internal political reasons" under the Special Powers Act, which empowers the Government to detain anyone without warrant.

President Ershad rebuked the BBC indirectly on Friday for "meddling in our internal affairs" in its coverage of the strikes. The Government issued an order at the weekend asking newspapers not to print statements or photographs of violence during the stoppage.

Belgrade anger at Austria's school reform

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

An Austrian inter-party agreement last week to "reform" bilingual primary education in the Slovene-speaking parts of southern Austria has brought about a crisis in Austro-Yugoslav relations.

The "reform" envisages separating Slovene-speaking children from German-speakers in the province of Carinthia, where there is a 42,000 Slovene minority.

Thousands of Slovenes demonstrated at the weekend in Austria and outside the Austrian consulate in Ljubljana in Yugoslavia. Austrian officials yesterday accused Yugoslavia of interfering in their country's internal affairs.

The Austrian press has condemned the demonstrations as an attempt by Belgrade to distract Yugoslavs from their present economic crisis. None the less, Austrians as well as Slovene-speaking school-teachers have voiced grave reservations about the "reform".

Slovenes in Austria fear that it will condemn their children to a ghetto-like existence. Old racial tensions have already been revived. Pan-German nationalists, such as Herr Jorg Haider, leader of the right-wing Freedom Party, have made no secret of their wish for "German-speaking children to be educated in German schools by German teachers".

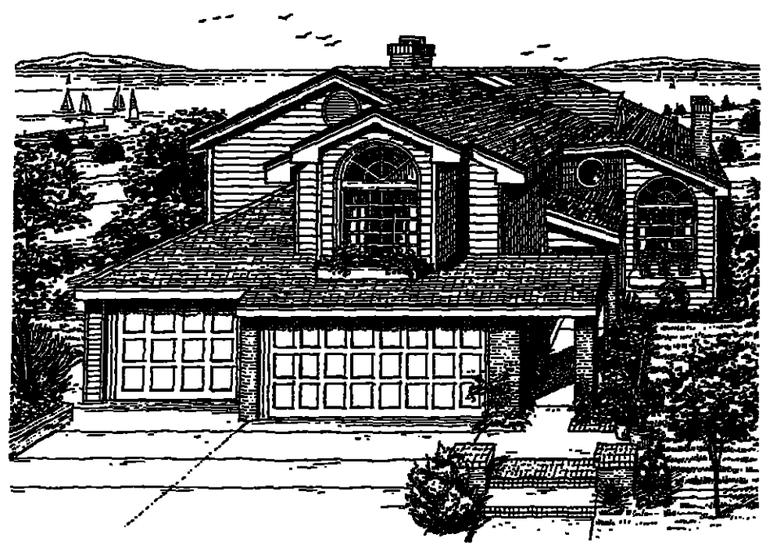
In a country where a large immigrant population from Yugoslavia tends already to be regarded as second-class citizens, the Slovene minority feels threatened. The "reform" infringes Article 6 of the Austrian State Treaty, which outlaws discrimination on racial, religious or language grounds.

Though the Austrian Minister for Education, Dr Hilde Hawlicek, said yesterday that the law "would not be implemented if those it affects oppose it", few politicians envisage it not being approved by the Austrian Parliament before the end of the year.

● **BELGRADE:** Miners have joined thousands of workers on strike throughout Yugoslavia in protest at new wage controls (Reuter reports). The miners are demanding a 100 per cent increase.

At least 20 strikes and several street protests have been reported since the Prime Minister, Mr Branko Mikulic, imposed austerity measures 10 days ago.

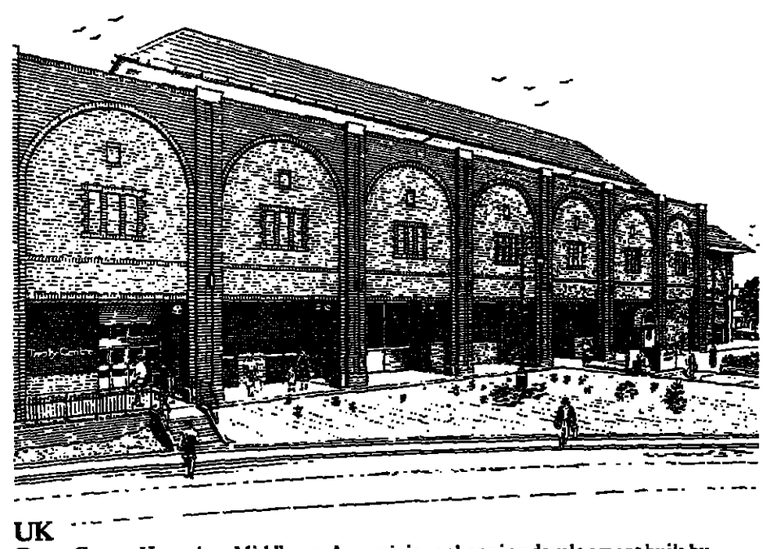
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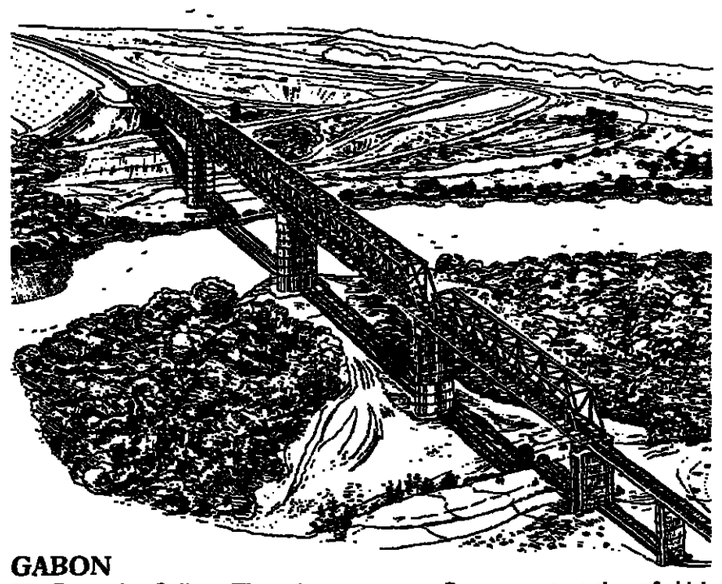
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Threat of Philippine flare-up

Communists claim air base killings

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

Communist guerrillas in the Philippines yesterday made an official claim of responsibility for the murders of three Americans outside the Clark air base late last month.

The Americans — two serving and one retired serviceman — together with a Filipino civilian died in almost simultaneous shootings, prompting fears that the outlawed National Democratic Front, the umbrella organization of several rebel groups, was opening a new offensive in its 19-year campaign to come to power.

The claim came from the NDF chief spokesman, Mr Satur Ocampo, who has been in hiding since peace talks to end the guerrilla war broke down in February.

Mr Ocampo said the decision to target Americans had been made as early as June because of "increasingly blatant" intervention by the United States in helping the Philippine military fight the communists. Sources close to the guerrillas say they believe US helicopters are being used to airlift wounded soldiers from battle areas — but this is strongly denied by both US and Philippine officials.

Mr Ocampo, aged 47, is a former journalist who was imprisoned for nearly 10 years during the Marcos regime. He was identified by the military at the weekend as a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines, and, amid the secrecy which surrounds the underground movement here, some lower-ranking rebel officials say that Mr Ocampo is the General Secretary of the NDF.

Mr Ocampo ruled out the prospect of new peace talks, saying that President Aquino had given the armed forces freedom to carry out total war against the guerrillas. "From the way it looks now, no new peace initiative can prosper until the revolutionary forces have pushed the armed forces into a stalemate or attained the upper hand in the civil war," he said.

● **Policeman abducted:** Communist rebels abducted a police chief in a daring raid yesterday, as the military said that it had laid the first charges against a rebel leader captured earlier this month (Reuter reports from Manila).



Captain Rogelio Saradoy, of the Philippines Air Force, under escort after his arrest at the weekend. He is under investigation accused of having flown to safety Colonel Gregorio Honasan, leader of the abortive coup against President Aquino in August.

Lieutenant Gaudencio Masangkay, a local military commander, said in a telephone interview that Sergeant Celestino Santos, police chief of Roxas town on Mindoro island, was taken hostage by 100 communistguerrillas of the NPA.

Meanwhile, another military spokesman said that Mr Juanito Rivero, the second-ranking leader of the outlawed Communist Party, had been charged in Manila with illegal possession of firearms.

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Can they learn to behave?

Prison psychologists have given the lie to the theory that young offenders cannot be "cured". Peter Evans considers the remarkable histories of the sex pest, the fire raiser and the soccer hooligans

At 16, George was a convicted sex offender. Wayne was in a young offenders' institution for taking part in a street battle with a gang of football thugs. Dean, an arsonist since he was five, was finally jailed for it at 17.

Once, they might have faced a bleak future of growing criminality and more and more time "inside". But all three of them have managed to stay on the right side of the law since they were returned to society. Their success gives the lie to the "nothing works" doctrine — the view that there is no way of changing offenders for the better.

George, Wayne and Dean are among those who have benefited from behavioural therapy in prison. Their cases are described in a new book written by 27 of the prison services' 98 psychologists, which shows that criminals *can* change their ways. George, a dim boy without social skills, was taught how to have a proper conversation. Wayne was persuaded to look at his passion for violence from the point of view of an innocent bystander. Dean had to play with fire so often that he became bored by it.

The psychologists' findings, which have now been published, could have profound implications for the penal system. The overall reconviction rate for offenders in England and Wales under 21 who have been in custody is 68 per cent, within two years. For 15-16 year olds it is 83 per cent. David Thornton, who co-edited the book and works for the Directorate of Psychological Services, says the evidence suggests that programmes of psychological therapy can lead to less re-offending, and a real future for youths who were once thought to be hopeless cases.

Applying Psychology to Imprisonment. Theory and Practice, *edited by Barry J McGurk, David M Thornton and Mark Williams (HMSO, £14.95).*

THE ARSONIST

Dean, a 17-year-old trainee serving a youth custody sentence for arson, claimed he had been an arsonist since the age of five. He admitted he had set fire to letter boxes, woodland, a school, even his own bedroom. He also had a habit of continuously carrying matches around with him.

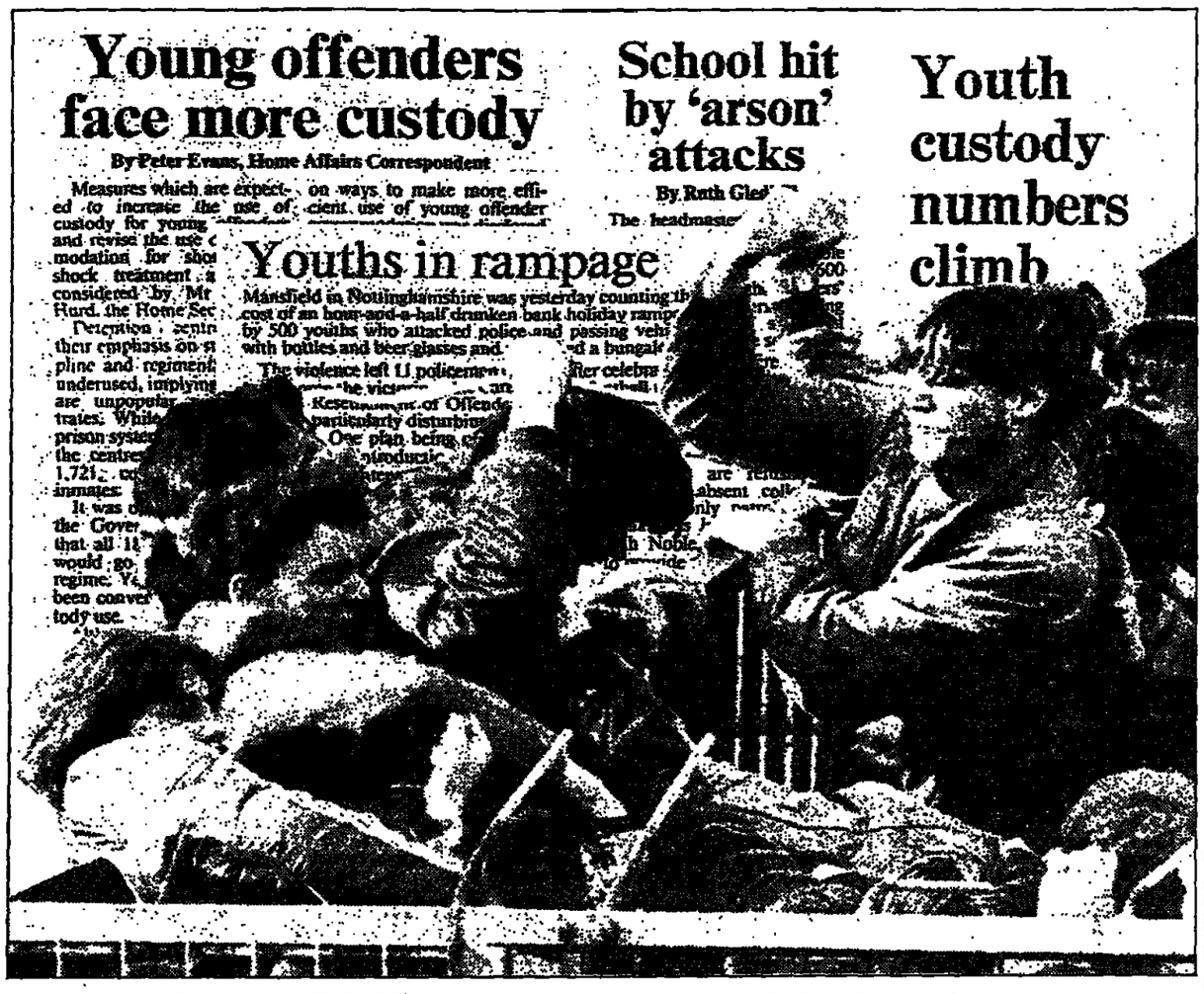
Psychologists examined his behaviour, and found one common element in it . . . a fascination with striking matches. A sequence was devised to put him off arson. He had to sit upright on a wooden chair, remove one match at a time from the box and shut it, then hold the lighted match over a metal waste bin at arm's length.

The burning match had to be held until its heat was felt on the finger-tips. It had then to be blown out, placed in the waste bin on the floor and another immediately lit. He was handed a box of 1,000 wooden safety matches and told to get on with it.

Though his arm and back ached, he found for a time that the pleasure of lighting matches outweighed the discomfort. But in later sessions he became bored and complained of burning his fingers more often due to loss of concentration.

After the eleventh session, he reported that he had stopped carrying matches around with him. Two months after the final treatment session, Dean said that probably for the first time since the age of 10 he had no matches at all in his possession.

Six months after discharge he had received no further convictions for arson or criminal damage by fire.



Young offenders face more custody

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

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School hit by 'arson' attacks

By Ruth Gled...

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Youth custody numbers climb

Youths in rampage

Mansfield in Nottinghamshire was yesterday counting th... cost of an hour-and-a-half drunken bank holiday ramp... by 500 youths who attacked police and passing vehi... with bottles and beer glasses and ... d a bungal...

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THE SEX OFFENDER

George, aged 16 and described as "dim and gormless", got into trouble for putting his hand on a woman's leg at a bus stop. He also had two other previous convictions for theft. At first it was even feared he might be suffering from brain damage. But his probation officer was surprised by his improved conversation after he was taught at the detention centre how to get on with girls.

George's trouble had been that he was shy, frightened and tense, and that he had too few topics to talk about. The inmate group taking part came up with 25: they included what was on the television last night, pop music, sport, their home town, the school they were at and drinking places.

He was also shown the sort of non-verbal behaviour that could help him get on, or fail to get on, with people: posture, gestures, eye contact and fidgeting.

To measure the change in George's skill, a five-minute talk with a girl unknown to him was videoed. Two other girls, both clerks, were instructed to help make him feel at ease by being friendly and responsive to him.

Tapes were made both before and after the training, and George was found to have made a dramatic improvement. The number of words he spoke went up from 182, before training, to 419. The number elicited from the girl went up from 64 to 193. Eye contacts rose from 23 to 44, time spent pausing fell from 184 seconds to 41 seconds, and severe fidgeting was reduced from 181.5 seconds to four seconds.

Sex offenders do not have as many social skills as many other types of offender. "Perhaps the most appealing facet of social skills training is that it can be offered to individuals whose social skills deficits are directly related to their offence," the psychologists say.

A year after George's release from the Medomsley Detention Centre, at Consett, County Durham, he was able to hold a real conversation, he had a job, and he told his probation officer he had a steady girlfriend.

THE FOOTBALL HOOLIGANS

Violent football hooligans at Castington Youth Custody Centre were put on a three-day course to expose them to other points of view and to give them the chance to think about their behaviour and its consequences.

The course included a visit from a policeman and a journalist, a TV film about hooliganism and discussion with tutors. The hooligans were asked to play the roles of other people at the match — a parent with a 10-year-old son, a tube traveller, a pub landlord, a hot-dog seller — the idea being that they should see themselves as others see them.

Many said that they had never before tried to think what others thought or felt and how difficult it was to imagine oneself in another's place. "It seemed never to have occured to them to do so," the psychologists say.

The discussions showed that football hooligans are mainly interested in fighting rivals. They do not approve of hurting bystanders and they are able to take a responsible view of suggestions on how hooliganism might be controlled. Those with anti-social views might even change their attitudes by considering seriously the effects of their behaviour on bystanders.

But football hooliganism offers to the supporter something which, for most, is missing in everyday life — excitement, status, pride and a feeling of identity with a strong and powerful group.

"It is therefore not surprising that it appeals to those young people who see no means of achieving these legitimately," say the authors. "If we are to discourage hooliganism, we must attempt to replace the perceived power and status with something equally satisfying."

The policy of football clubs and supporters clubs has been mainly to control hooliganism by physical repression, and to alienate the hooligans by expressing disapproval of them.

The result of discussions with the trainees suggests that this is unlikely to succeed and that football clubs must discuss the problem with the people who are creating it.

Boring for Britain

As the latest Chunnel takes off, a museum wants to save a relic of the last one

As the Eurotunnel Group winds up its share offer this Friday, Alan Butcher and John Becklake will be as hopeful as potential flutterers, but for a different reason. They want £20,000 of the money raised to spend on the 1923 Channel Tunnel project.

Three miles to the west of where the new tunnel will start, with its rear end sticking out of chalk cliffs above the Martello railway tunnel near Folkestone, is the 23-ton Whitaker, the oldest tunnelling machine in the country.

Butcher, a curator in the Science Museum's engineering department, of which Dr Becklake is head, wants sponsorship to save the machine: "Because it was completely submerged in the chalk it has survived in remarkably good condition. But recent slips have exposed it to the elements so that it is beginning to corrode fast. We must either get it out, cover it up, or abandon it."

The Tempest Whitaker was commissioned by the engineer to the Channel Tunnel Company, Sir Percy Tempest. In 1919 he got Board of Trade permission to drive a tunnel and, two years later, bought the machine from Whitaker of Leicester for £8,000.

With its huge rotary head, which could cut 40 feet in 10 hours, it got 420 feet into the chalk before pausing to draw breath, and never went again.

Butcher believes the tunnel was a rehearsal and that, after it had proved itself, "the machine was withdrawn and left at the mouth to await developments". They never came. Politicans from Lloyd George to Baldwin opposed the tunnel, and the Committee of Imperial Defence rejected it as a security risk.

Now, Alan Butcher hopes the Tempest Whitaker will be displayed in a museum he wants to see created at the new tunnel entrance, telling the story from the first attempt by Napoleon in 1802.

Simon Tait

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A veteran Asprey pays a painter's tribute to the heroes of the Falklands

Tumbledown recaptured

This time last year the veteran water colourist Algernon Asprey, a fine example of the species *pictor Brittanicus*, could be sighted at 52 degrees latitude, 58 longitude, deep in the Southern Hemisphere.

It was high summer in the Falkland Islands and the poor creature, 8,000 miles from his natural habitat (Magnolia Cottage, in Shamley Green, Surrey) was frozen to his septuagenarian bones. He was about to dissappear into the *camp* (outback) of the islands and, like Captain Oates, was likely to be gone some time.

He had with him his easel, brushes and water colours, and 60 years' experience of surviving in the merciless climate of London's art world. As the name implies, he is a member of the famous Asprey *genus*, noted for its outstanding contribution to jewellery design. He promised that he would be popping up in Europe again before too long (and this he has duly done). He then donned his waterproofs and yomping boots, and was gone.

Before he set off in the general direction of Bluff Cove, he gave an impromptu preview in the lounge of Port Stanley's Malvina House Hotel, an ironically named venue for such a patriot. He lovingly unfurled a landscape, or at least the beginnings of it — treeless undulations of land beneath a huge grey wash of sky; far more beautiful than it sounds.



Asprey: "No one has done the environment in which they live."

In its completed state, it is joined by 27 more of Asprey's paintings of the islands at an exhibition which opens in London tomorrow. It will be seen by, among others, ex-governor Sir Rex Hunt, now also nesting sedately in the Home Counties. Coincidentally, it comes just days after the Falklands made another of their periodic forays into the news as the General Assembly of the United Nations humiliated Britain by urging London to talk to Argentina on their future. This snubbing by the UN has become an event almost as regular as the migration of the Arctic tern.

"I felt I ought to pay tribute to those fine young soldiers of ours . . ."

The artist's self-given brief was to go around the place and paint the spots which for two sudden months meant only danger and death in a distant remnant of empire: Stanley, Goose Green, San Carlos, Bluff Cove and the rest. As such, Asprey might fairly be considered to be a war-and-peace artist. War, because it is those beleaguered settlements which provide the theme of his exhibition, and peace because he chooses to show them as they are in their normal state, without the clamour of invasion. The result is a sort of romantic realism, desolate and homely all at once.

Already several of the paintings have been bought, at about £1,000 each: the present governor Gordon Jewkes has purchased one of Port Stanley; the Falkland Islands Development Corporation a view of Tumbledown Mountain from Moody Brook; and the Scots Guards (in which Asprey served as captain for most of the Second World War) one of Fitzroy.

It was the old soldier in him, quite as much as the artist, that made him roam the blanket peat for three months, painting mitten-handed in the lee of a Land-Rover. "As one who served in the war," he says from his hibernation in Surrey, "I felt I ought to pay tribute to those fine young soldiers of ours who fought such a courageous campaign . . . also, there has been plenty of wildlife painting of the Falklands, but no one has really yet done the homes and the environment in which the people live. While I was there, I painted 15 different settlements, which is probably more than many of the islanders have been to themselves."

He hopes the exhibition will attract the new generation of Falkophiles — the soldiers who have come to know the islands through their tours of duty there since the conflict. It is certainly easier on the eye than the huge garrison at Mount Pleasant.

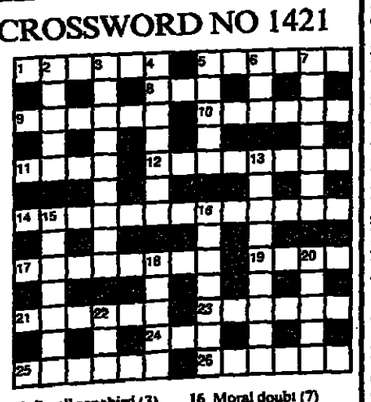
I cannot help wondering whether it will be seen by one particularly English couple of English tourists (these, by the way, can still only be counted in dozens rather than hundreds) who were also there during the "summer". I bumped into them shortly after my meeting with Asprey; they were leaning on the horizontal wind, admiring the sweep of the terrain through tear-blown eyes.

"What do you think of it?" I yelled.

"Lovely! Must be *gorgeous* in the summer."

Alan Franks

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25 Slides (6)
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Short changed?

The settlement that Parliament will this week reach on the money to be awarded the party leaders' offices could be short-lived. The so-called Short Money, named after the former Labour Leader of the House, is given to parties in proportion to their showings at the previous general election. While the present ceiling of £450,000 is likely to be raised to £500,000 to reflect Labour's improved performance, an intriguing question mark will remain over the Alliance's share. Because the cash goes to named parties rather than MPs, both the Liberals' expected £88,000 hand-out and the SDP's £55,000 will have to be reassessed if the two parties merge and are renamed next year. Some Labour MPs insist that a new Liberal Democratic Party, for example, would have no claim to either half of the cash. Ironically, if David Owen insists on retaining the SDP title for his group, he could yet end up with the cream.

Like a King

British Airways has proved to my satisfaction that it treats all its customers equally. On Sunday its chairman, Lord King, arrived at John F. Kennedy Airport on Concorde's 10th anniversary flight to New York minus his evening wear. A succession of frantic telephone calls to Heathrow established that the bag containing the suit had not been put on board. A man was finally dispatched down the conveyor belt tunnel, where he found the package trapped. It arrived on the next Concorde flight, in time for the celebratory dinner at Mortimers on Lexington Avenue. During the meal Lord King swapped suit anecdotes with aviation minister Lord Brabazon, over whose trousers a Concorde stewardess had contrived to spill a glass of champagne.

● Meanwhile, a BA captain who told passengers that overcrowding on a flight from Ireland to London was caused by the Cork Jazz Festival — further, that in his opinion the only remedy for jazz festivals was Alka-Seltzer — is in deep trouble. Unknown to him, Oscar Peterson was on board. The legendary pianist, his blood boiling, scribbled the captain a note and — not content with the proffered apology — has written to BA asking if André Previn can expect the same treatment from the world's favourite airline.

Heads down

The stale air of pedagogic humour came rushing back to me yesterday over a note from Malcolm Biggs, headmaster of the Chauncy School in Hertfordshire, about smoking in staff meetings. He wrote: "To avoid this problem all meetings will be held in the hall where smoking is not permitted. However, since the chairs in the staff room are more comfortable the meetings will actually be held in the staff room but smokers are asked to assume it is the hall."

BARRY FANTONI



'Agreed. He can own them all as long as they don't win on the same day'

Last index

It will be a particular sadness to Bernard Levin and other connoisseurs of fine indices that Sir John Colville died before completing his last book to his own high standard. Proofs of his forthcoming history of the Lambton family arrived at Hodder & Stoughton the day after his death on Thursday, unindexed. Ion Trewin, editorial director of H&S, tells me that Sir John took pleasure in compiling the indices to his books. For an author to assemble his own index these days is unusual enough; to do so with Sir John's meticulous skill rarer still.

● It must be getting cold out there in the wilderness. Last week, after an SDP committee meeting, David Owen congratulated Bill Rodgers on his appointment as director-general of RIBA. It was the first time the doc had spoken to his former gang member since the Monday after the election.

Object lesson

Helen Reeves, director of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, has learned more than she wanted to from her trip to a conference on urban insecurity and crime in Barcelona. While there she was mugged by three youths who snatched a handbag containing her passport, travel cheques and credit card. "It's nice to be back in Brixton," she says, still nursing a sprained foot.

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Wanted: a new insurance policy on Aids

by Wesley Gryk

The increase in Aids-related deaths is posing difficult questions for the British insurance industry in the way it handles life assurance applications. The responses so far have been panicky and discriminatory. While male homosexuals have been the main focus of insurers' attention, this seems likely to change as the disease spreads into the general population. The experience here contrasts with that in America, where similar initiatives by insurance companies have been closely monitored and controlled by government regulatory authorities.

A primary aim of British insurers in the past year has been to develop life assurance application procedures calculated to identify homosexuals. Any single male of marriageable age applying for life cover is liable to be required to answer a supplementary questionnaire intended to establish his sexual orientation. False or misleading answers can lead to invalidation of the policy.

As in the past, an applicant may be required to authorize the insurer to seek information from his GP. Now, however, the doctor is likely to be asked about the patient's sexual orientation as well as his medical history. (To its credit, the British Medical Association has urged the insurance companies to drop such questions.)

If an insurance company — applying whatever criteria it chooses — decides that the applicant may be homosexual, it can on the basis of this finding alone refuse cover or offer it at a significantly higher premium.

The majority of those contracting Aids in Britain up to now have been male homosexuals. But this cannot logically justify a decision that any given individual should have his access to insurance cover denied or impeded solely on the basis of his purported sexual orientation, irrespective of whether his particular medical history contains concrete indication of an increased risk.

A greater mortality risk arises not from membership of a particular social group but rather from exposure to the Aids virus through sexual or other circumstances which may apply to a far broader band of the population. This blanket discrimination exhibited by the insurance industry against single males suspected of homosexuality is disturbing.

Indeed, homosexual males today are more likely than any other group to recognize the risk of such exposure and to take steps to avoid it, precisely because their community has been so seriously affected. Fortunately, however, a very large majority of homosexual males in Britain have not been exposed to the Aids virus.

The use of blood tests by insurers to assess the Aids risk is likely to affect a much broader group of people seeking life assurance cover. Recent reports indicate that some insurers plan to make blood tests mandatory for those applying for a high level of life cover. Already applicants are routinely asked whether they have had the blood test which detects the presence of antibodies to the Aids virus. If the answer is affirmative and the test results are positive, an application predictably has little chance of success. More surprisingly, having a test and obtaining a *negative* result is also likely to be counted against the applicant — presumably as indicative of a dubious lifestyle.

For those applicants who have not previously been tested but who otherwise arouse the insurer's suspicions, submitting to a blood test has become a precondition of proceeding with the application. Thus an individual signing on to his employer's life assurance scheme or attempting to obtain an endowment mortgage may be compelled to take a test which he does not desire, which will not afford him information on which he can base remedial action and which, at worst, may profoundly traumatise and stigmatise him. Whether insurers ought to have discretion to impose such a condition is a complex question which should not be left to the insurers alone.

So long as such tests are required, clear criteria need to be established for deciding when the test may be administered, the standards of testing, the provision of adequate counselling, both before and after the test, and strict confidentiality.

Useful guidance can be gained from the United States, where the initial response of insurers was very similar to those here. Aggressive efforts were made to identify and exclude male homosexuals. In some instances particularly invidious approaches were taken, such as excluding all males living in particular urban postal "zipcode" areas and those working in what insurers supposed to be "gay professions". As the fact began to sink in that the risk of Aids spread much further, broader strategies were developed. At least one insurance company is alleged to have refused automatically all applications from residents of San Francisco.

But in the United States, as indeed in many other countries, insurers are subject to close supervision by independent regulatory bodies who have responded forcefully to such approaches.

By the end of last year, a survey covering 40 states showed that just over half, including many of the most populous states where Aids is most prevalent, had already forbidden any discrimination whatsoever on the basis of sexual orientation. Since then, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), the umbrella organization bringing together all state insurance regulators, has produced guidelines calling for the complete elimination of such discrimination.

One third of the states surveyed prohibited questions about prior Aids blood tests, so that individuals with particularly strong reasons to be tested — such as a woman considering having a child — would not be deterred for fear of becoming uninsurable. Seven states reported prohibiting the use of blood tests by insurers altogether.

The emergence in the last decades of the 20th century of a serious, previously unknown disease requires a re-assessment of assumptions with which we have learned to live comfortably. The British insurance industry faces a major challenge in undertaking its responsibilities in this area. When suggestions have been made in the past that this industry should be subjected to greater outside regulation, it has always responded that it can be counted on to regulate itself responsibly and for the common good. The Aids crisis has provided a difficult test of that assertion.

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George Urban analyses the latest Soviet thinking in a book just out — and warns of the trap that it sets for the West

Gorbachov's gospel

We can no longer doubt it: with the sole exception of the British Prime Minister, Mikhail Gorbachov is the front-runner in the admittedly uncompetitive field of international statesmanship. Not since Lenin has the Soviet system produced a man with antennae so keenly attuned to so many signals, and not since Trotsky so fine a communicator.

He has read the books; he knows how to connect, how to simplify the impenetrable, and turn disaster into a show of victory. He is the Soviet Union's most potent single weapon in its contest with the Western world. One doubts whether the US administration or the American public are prepared for what will undoubtedly hit them when Gorbachov and his consort descend on Washington in December, for there will be two "great communicators" on stage but only one who has, when the razzmatazz is over, something apparently of substance to say. But is it of substance, and should we take it to heart?

The General Secretary has a message. It comes, unsurprisingly, from the entrails of Marxism-Leninism — but the entrails have been given a fresh reading. The name of the message is *Perestroika — New Thinking for Our Country and the World* (Collins, £12.95): it is Gorbachov's grand design for the renewal of mankind. A cross between a fireside chat and a sermon, it is nevertheless breath-taking in its audacity.

Lesser mortals might have been content to admit that the Soviet system has misfired; that it needs yet another offer of self-sacrifice from the long-suffering Russian people; that mending-and-making-do under the guidance of the party is the right way out, and any help from friendly countries would be gratefully accepted. For *perestroika* is, in truth, a belated rescue operation — Gorbachov's and the beleaguered system's word for re-inventing the wheel.

But Gorbachov has not stuck to mending-and-making-do, as ideological leaders seldom do. Despite his humility and bonhomie in public places, he is now apparently in the grip of his own hubris. Having barely begun to lift the USSR out of the 18th century, he is telling us all what to do in the 21st. The man who surprised the world with his courageous warnings against the old Marxist-Leninist Utopia is now creating his own. It parades under the name of "new thinking" and is not to be confused with Orwellian analogues.

In Gorbachov's scheme of things, "new thinking" emerges from *perestroika* by some nebulous process of osmosis and extrapolation. The Soviet economy is ill-constructed but so, he gives us to understand, is the current economic order of the planet. Soviet society is insufficiently democratic — so is the relationship between "capitalist" societies and the Third World. Soviet industry has neglected to protect the environment — so has the whole industrialized world. *Perestroika* offers a cure. "Restructuring" is the fruit of Gorbachov's discovery that the Soviet system is a shambles; but he perceives that shambles as a latter-day *felix culpa* which can yet redeem humanity.

But even this is not quite what Gorbachov is saying. The system, he tells us, is not to blame. Indeed,



perestroika is evidence that "socialism" has the strength to reveal its weaknesses and reassert itself with new vigour. The very method of "democratization" (not to be confused with democracy, bourgeois style) has to teach mankind a thing or two. Women should be emancipated; European culture should be valued; co-operation between nation and nation is better than hostility; peace is better than war; no nuclear threat is better than a nuclear threat; a radiant future is preferable to no future.

Such are the flashes of illumination that enlighten the student of Gorbachov's new thinking. Given the character of old Soviet thinking, the new is certainly refreshing, and we should appreciate Gorbachov's enterprise, for he is under serious attack at home. But on the stage of the world which he likes to feel he now bestrides, should we be grateful to him because he has thought a little, or demur because he has thought *so* little? On balance, no doubt the former.

Unlike Khrushchev, he has come to teach us, not to bury us. "Khruschev's explanation . . . was unfortunate in all respects," Gorbachov says. "It should not be taken literally." Now we know.

"Socialism", to be sure, will triumph; on that point Gorbachov leaves us in no doubt. But it will triumph peacefully because capitalism will see itself forced to accommodate the righteous demands of the unjustly treated throughout the world and will need no extra persuasion from communists — unless, of course, capitalism refuses to lie down and die, which unlikely (as he thinks) alternative the General Secretary is careful not to pursue further in his book or in his speeches.

But laudable as Gorbachov's new thinking may be by Soviet standards, he and the truth still march to different drummers. Where his predecessors' mendacity was complete, Gorbachov speaks perhaps half the truth, and that is no mean achievement in the context of Soviet society, even though it increases the confusion for the uninitiated. His history is as selective as his prognostications from *perestroika* are arbitrary.

Eastern Europe is a good test case. He complains with uncharacteristic blandness that relations between Moscow and the client states in Eastern Europe have been unsatisfactory. The "new societies", he writes, were built "not without losses":

"Drawing on the Soviet experience, some countries failed duly to consider their own specifics . . . A stereotyped approach was given an ideological tint by some of our theoreticians and especially practical leaders who acted as almost the sole guardians of truth . . . They sometimes displayed suspicion toward those countries' approach to certain problems . . . In some cases all this led to certain objective processes and to the emergence of problems that were not noticed in time by the ruling party and leadership."

So much for Stalin, Zhdanov and Beria and the imposition of the murderous rule of Bierut, Berman, Rakosi, Farkas, Gottwald, Cepicka, Ulbricht, Dej, Dimitrov and the rest — none of whom rates a mention. And when Gorbachov comes to consider the consequences of this "stereotyped approach" by "practical leaders", he limits himself to observing that these countries had "serious crises in their development" which were then "dealt with differently".

That is Gorbachov's way of accounting for the invasions that crushed Hungary in 1956, Czechoslovakia in 1968, and the martial law that Jaruzelski imposed on Poland at Soviet behest and with Soviet connivance.

The virtues of "new thinking" are not immediately obvious. That Imre Nagy, Alexander Dubcek, Ota Sik and Lech Walesa have been omitted from Gorbachov's history may not be accidental, for these men are the pioneers of *glasnost* and *perestroika* and may well have to be rehabilitated if Gorbachov means business — and can stay in the saddle.

The repudiation of the Brezhnev Doctrine does not seem to figure in Gorbachov's new thinking. Fresh upheavals would probably be followed by fresh Soviet invasions. He makes it clear that his concern for the emancipation of Eastern Europe is limited to the independence of the Communist parties. Free choice for the nations under Soviet-style rule is outside the limits of *perestroika*.

Each party, he says, has the "sovereign right to decide the issues facing its country", and he observes with satisfaction that, despite the upheavals of 1956, 1968 and the early 1980s (he does not call them counter-revolutions), "a return to the older order did not occur in any of the socialist nations". His unspoken message is that the client states can have any kind of freedom and democracy as long as it is "socialism". Of such ambiguities are insurrections made.

Despite these shortcomings, Gorbachov has written an effective book. He sounds reasonable, peaceable and plausible. He has laid a fine trap for the gullible and the frightened, and some of the Western public will predictably fall into it. He appeals to West European fears of nuclear confrontation and the American sense of guilt. Both are in plentiful supply; they should make his book a fine source of hard currency income for the Soviet treasury.

One detente is behind us; a second detente is upon us. The first saw the expansion of the Soviet Union into a maritime empire while the US Congress was fiddling and Western Europe insisted on the divisibility of détente. It would be a pity if Gorbachov's persuasive words lured us into even graver follies in the second.

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Tony Blair

A breakdown in communication

The scene was the Federal Parliament of Canada. The trade minister, Pat Carney, a formidable woman who makes Mrs Thatcher look demure, was being asked by the Opposition about the "free trade" agreement under negotiation between Canada and the US — a measure as important to Canadians as the EEC referendum was to Britain. Would it prevent individual Canadian states from protecting the prices of certain sensitive products?

The honest answer was yes, thought there might be other benefits flowing from the agreement, such as greater consumer choice and access to US markets. But Mrs Carney could see tomorrow's headlines: "Minister admits states will lose power to keep down prices." So she dodged a direct reply and, very effectively, simply bawled her opponents out. It encapsulated in a moment why politicians have a collective reputation for deviousness, and the problems of communicating ideas in modern politics.

Our news today is instant, hostile to subtlety or qualification. If you can't sum it up in a sentence or even a phrase, forget it. Combine two ideas or sentiments together and mass communication will not repeat them, it will choose between them. To avoid misinterpretation, strip down a policy or opinion to one key clear line before the media does it for you. Think in headlines.

These are very depressing reflections because they bear heavily on the quality of our democracy. The truth becomes almost impossible to communicate because total frankness, relayed in the shorthand of the mass media, becomes simply a weapon in the hands of opponents.

This difficulty is especially acute for radical parties like the Labour Party, full usually of well-meaning folk, brimming over with ideas. They regularly make the mistake of trying to conduct a public debate about policy as if it were a seminar. The Tories, by contrast, recognize the nature of modern politics to the point of cynicism.

A North-east club comedian and Labour member once put the difference between Tories and Labour like this: "Tell a joke in front of an audience of Tories and they may not understand it, but they will all applaud. Tell a joke at a Labour do, they will look at you for a moment and then break off into discussion groups."

The debate in the Canadian parliament was, however, televised. This did not resolve the minister's dilemma, but at least it put it before us, unadulterated, for all to see.

It also allows those who want to follow parliamentary debates to do so through the means of communication that people are familiar with and most prefer. It is really a quite extraordinary reflection on the backwardness of the House of Commons that it refuses access to the television cameras, when it is obvious that a minimum requirement of democracy is that the debates of the national legislative forum are widely communicated, and when television is now the main medium of communication.

Televising the Commons would have two additional subsidiary advantages. Much has been written in recent weeks about the rowdiness of parliamentary debates, but the fundamental reason why emotions run so high in the Commons is in fact to its credit: it is a real, live debating chamber. Speeches are not just read into the record, they form part of a debate. Ministers are questioned on the statements they make. (It is this feature of our system, incidentally, that would make it virtually impossible for someone like President Reagan ever to become prime minister.) Put 600 or so human beings of even the most placid temperament in one room and ask them to debate a topic on which they all hold strong views and there is not a collection of people in the world who will not behave as MPs do.

Televising debates would not reduce the noise and rhetorical thunder, but at least, by seeing the participants speak, the atmosphere would be better appreciated and the nature of our parliamentary process more readily comprehended. Radio coverage of the Commons on its own, if anything, makes things worse. It actually distorts the transmission of debates by providing sound abstracted from the visual setting.

Television would force politicians into making Parliament the focus of their attention. It would transform the status of parliamentary activity. Politics works through publicity and television is the best form of publicity.

Those ridiculous items on the news — where voices are heard but only still pictures or sketches are shown, and, even more absurd, where politicians have to be interviewed outside Parliament because they cannot be filmed within — would be replaced by showing live debates. But, more important, MPs would be judged on their performance as MPs. The parliamentary arena would assume a hugely enhanced role.

The exclusion of television is just one obstacle among many others, too numerous to mention, which Parliament itself places in the path of a healthier and more open democracy.

Allowing television cameras into the Commons would not avoid the problems of communicating ideas in our modern mass media. But it might mitigate them and in any event would represent one small but significant indication that parliament was willing to face the 20th century, even if only when standing on the threshold of the 21st.

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however . . . Henry Stanhope

Fleshing out the core

The greatest single weakness of our education system is that its future is in the hands of politicians. As ministers would no more send their children to state schools than they would queue to have their corns cut under the NHS, the chances of getting it right are pretty minimal.

Their record of finding names is pretty desperate. Whoever it was who first mated grammar schools with secondary moderns and then christened the child "comprehensive" should have been strung up in a cage from Beachy Head. Why didn't they call them all grammar schools instead — which is where children wanted to go to all along? No doubt when Edward VI dreamt up "grammar" schools, the Duke of Somerset sucked his teeth and said: "Don't fancy that for a name much, my liege." But that was a long time ago and the grammar school is now an institution, as reputable (and as rare) as English chivalry. At least our state schools would have sounded right to parents.

Failing that they should have turned them into high schools — which are held in almost equally high esteem. That noblest of British counties once called Montgomeryshire (before the appalling Heath government subsumed it under the Mid-Wales amalgam of Powys) had the intelligence and wit not only to go "comprehensive" before almost everyone else but to adopt the term "high school" as well.

What's in a name? Well "high" is not only shorter and less ugly but at least suggests attainment and ambition. You may not turn a sow's ear into a silk purse, but at least you can make the alchemy seem successful.

I mention this now because of Kenneth Baker's difficulties in steering his education compromise past the Leader of the Opposition, Mrs Thatcher. The point is that there are things he can do which should cause no offence and please everyone.

There is something else that he should be aware of. A core curriculum might help to ensure that children can read, write and work a pocket calculator, but if he wants to equip children to hold their own in the world, he should try much harder to make them talk proper.

The fact that they don't can be attributed, as much as anyone, to the BBC, which has developed a fascination with regional accents. But while there are those who make their mark by speaking in broad Cockney (or Geordie, Brummie, West Country or Scouse) I would venture to suggest that most people would find the path of advancement very much easier if they spoke in what was once called "BBC" (outside the BBC, that is). Would Mrs Thatcher have risen through the Tory ranks had she spoken like a Lincolnshire fishwife?

Accents apart, the language is being slowly and remorselessly murdered by people who might or might not know which participles and pronouns they should use but certainly don't sound as if they do. Mr Baker should thus think seriously about adding elocution to his "core".

Nor should he let pupils leave school until they have "got it" — as Henry Higgins said of poor Eliza. It is no good turfing pupils out when they reach the age of 16 or some other arbitrary figure. They should leave when they are ready and not before; otherwise they will starve — or, like birds which leave their nest prematurely, they will plummet to their destruction far below.

No, they should not be allowed out of school until they have reached certain standards. No boy (or for that matter girl) should leave primary school before he/she can read and write English and recite up to and including his/her twelve times tables. Nor should they leave high school before they can spell, work a simple computer and reel off the names and dates of the kings and queens of England (the finest matrix for giving form to British history). And don't tell me that they could not, because if you asked them the names of the last Tottenham Hotspur team to win the Cup you would find them word perfect.

They would all be so desperate to leave anyway that they would learn not just the names of our monarchs but those of their consorts as well — Eleanor of Aquitaine, Caroline of Brunswick and the rest. Use the carrot and the stick, Mr Baker, if you really want to see our donkeys working.

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TO KEEP A SECRET

One of the central lessons of the *Spycatcher* affair is that the law of confidence is a fragile instrument for guarding every kind of official information in the later 20th century. The Security Service, unrecognized as an official branch of the Government and unknown to legislation, is clearly under some duty of confidentiality to the government, but whether this goes further than the duty enshrined in the Official Secrets Act remains to be decided in the present case.

After *Spycatcher*, which followed the (unsuppressed) revelations of MI5 officer Cathy Massiter, which were in turn part of the crisis of official loyalty exposed in the Ponting case, it is apparent that reconstruction of the legal base on which the security of the state rests is a matter of urgency. But the canvas is broader than the affairs of the Security Service.

Mrs Thatcher herself appears to be in two minds about open government. Her frank exposure of the facts of the Blunt case and her sharp response to the Bettaney case demonstrated her willingness to scrutinize the security establishment's capacity to manage itself under minimal supervision. Equally, she shares Whitehall's possessive instinct towards official information of all kinds, even as she realizes that Parliament has to undertake, at least, revision of the Official Secrets Acts.

It may yet be possible for Mr Peter Wright's *Spycatcher* to be published without compromising any of the principles that the Crown's barristers have sought to uphold during the past 18 months. But there is the beginning, not the end, of the Wright affair. The path forward is twin-track.

Not only must the Official Secrets Act be reformed so that it catches those who are prepared to place the security interests of the State in jeopardy, but the law of confidence must be so fashioned that it does not stifle a healthy discussion of the State's housekeeping and general administrative activities. Upon such a reform of the general law of official information depends the success of trying to enlist allied governments in preventing exposure of genuine secrets. The Wright affair has shown how much mutual goodwill exists between English-speaking governments in the security field, but also how vigilant are the antipodean courts in rejecting loose definitions of national interest.

Legal action in Australia and New Zealand showed not the impossiblity but rather the desirability of codifying the bounds of secrecy. In both those nations, however, there is far greater scrutiny by the legislature of the activities of the security services.

Co-operation, for example in the form of a jointly agreed categorization of security information, depends on the degree of confidence that the politicians and public in other countries will be able to muster, not in British security so much as in the ability of the British system to make a distinction between what has to be secret and what not. Here the frailty of the law of confidence as a substitute for the Official Secrets Act is manifest.

A cheap solution to certain of the issues raised by the Wright case is to recommend parliamentary scrutiny of MI5, as if that were a guarantee of better management and happier agents. The difficult solution – for any set of politicians – is to take a blue pencil to the unnecessary protection afforded to all categories of Whitehall activity by the Act.

Giving MI5 agents some outlet for their grievances is, of course, not unimportant. It has been in Mr Peter Wright's interest to project himself as a man who has been denied an avenue to present his suspicions to responsible authority. The issue of independent redress for disgruntled agents may, however, have already been attended to with the appointment of Sir Philip Woodfield as security ombudsman.

Mr Richard Shepherd's proposed Bill to replace the Official Secrets Act with a serviceable definition of official secrecy ought to shame the Government into thinking for itself. Such legislation may not have stopped Mr Wright, and – in this open world – might not stop any successor. But if it were to delineate more clearly the contrast between information which the public interest demands must be kept secret and information labelled "secret" to spare the blushes of politicians or officials, then dealing with cases like that of *Spycatcher* would be made easier. The Government might also have been spared the ribaldry that has accompanied its dogged efforts at suppression.

MR PERES LOOKS AHEAD

Israel's foreign minister, Mr Shimon Peres, has embarked on a European tour which is looking increasingly like a political campaign. Officially he is still trying to sustain the Middle East peace process, in whose cause he has laboured for so long. In reality he has one eye on the Israeli general election a year from now. Mr Peres is, in fact, nursing his constituency.

The two interests are very closely intertwined. Mr Peres has so identified himself with the drive for a negotiated peace, that the platform he will occupy in Jerusalem next year must contain this as a central plank.

Initially he hoped that he could present himself to the electorate as the man who had made great strides towards a treaty. But that hope now looks increasingly forlorn. Even the international conference, for which he has worked as a means to his end, seems unlikely now to happen before next November. For the time being anyway the peace process has run into the sand and the conference is still a mirage in the heat haze.

In some respects Israel's coalition government has worked well. While prime minister, Mr Peres claimed the credit for economic achievements at home and for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon. But he could not have achieved anything much without the compliance of other ministers in government – including his right-wing rival Mr Yitzhak Shamir. It is on the issue of the peace process that the two sides remain far apart.

Mr Peres is running the risk of trying too hard. He nearly came unstuck last summer over his plan to bring down the coalition by forcing a vote in support of his own peace plan. He was forced to make a tactical retreat when it became clear that he could not commmand a majority either in the Cabinet or the Knesset. The alternative might have been his resignation.

Since then he has concentrated on his image overseas, courting support for such a conference both in Europe and America. If the West would come out strongly in his favour, he might appear to the electorate at home as a leader in whom the rest of the world has confidence. He might also persuade most of them that his policies are right.

Last week, however, he made another blunder. His reference to a memorandum of understanding with the United States, which would cover American support for a peace conference and the pattern of future aid for Jerusalem, drew an immediate sharp denial from Washington. Mr Peres says in an interview with *The Times* today that he was misquoted. But the episode cannot have helped his campaign plan.

He is also running the risk abroad of appearing to be a man who cannot deliver. Even the Russians are now said to be growing impatient. Given the divisions within the Israeli leadership, he is certainly in a difficult position. But he should be wary of trying to embroil too many too soon.

So now he has come back to Britain. This Government's closeness to King Husain of Jordan, its relationship with Washington and its amicable contacts these days with Moscow place Downing Street in an interesting position – which is clearly well understood by Mr Peres. Earlier this year it was the peace process itself which he hoped that British influence might encourage. Now it must be his own prospects in Jerusalem next year that he has in mind.

KENYA'S RESTLESS STUDENTS

Student unrest is nothing new in Kenya, but the worrying aspect of last week's riots in Nairobi, sparked off by the arrest of seven student leaders, was the brutality with which the police responded. Students were clubbed and tear-gassed by police and paramilitary guards as a prelude to the indefinite closure of the university. The arrested leaders are being held without charge, although their crime is believed to amount to no more than suggesting that the university should distance itself from the President.

Among those attacked during the student riots were four foreign correspondents, including a correspondent from the BBC whose spine was damaged. Since the police appear to have known that those involved were journalists, it must be assumed that these attacks – although unplanned – reflect the suspicion of the Western media which has recently become a recurrent theme of the Kenyan government. Coincidentally, 16 American missionaries have been expelled from Kenya, nine of them in connection with patently false allegations about a Ku Klux Klan plot to destabilize the country.

These events lead to two conclusions. The first is that President Moi is adopting an increasingly repressive attitude towards those who voice criticism of his one-party government. The second is that he has become far too sensitive to the idea that "foreigners" are trying to destabilize Kenya.

Why he should feel threatened both internally and externally is far from clear. There is no immediate danger to his position from any quarter, and he retains his popularity amongst the mass of the Kenyan people. Mwakenya, the undercover group supposedly dedicated to his overthrow, is neither particularly strong, nor successful. By adopting a more repressive approach, and shutting off the traditional safety valve of free speech among the Kenyan intelligentsia, he is likely to intensify and harden opposition by driving it underground.

As for the Western media, the President's hostility stems both from critical reports charting incidents of repression and, in particular, to an Amnesty International report earlier this year which registered a deterioration in Kenya's observance of human rights. To some extent, he has a point. Precisely because Kenya is more open and tolerant than its neighbours, it has become the base for a large number of Western journalists and so receives disproportionate coverage of any government or security force abuses. Compared with much of Africa, Kenya is a reasonably humane country. Its political prisoners can be numbered in tens, rather than the thousands in, say, Ethiopia.

But Western media comment – as well as criticism from friendly Western governments – centres not on comparison with other African countries, but on Kenya's own past record of free speech and relative liberalism. It is not intended to undermine the President, but to express the hope that Kenya should continue to live up to its own good name. Suppressing student protestors, while treating Western correspondents and American missionaries as subversive elements, will do nothing to help this cause, or to strengthen the President's position.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Helping youth to community work

From the Acting Chairman of the Economic and Social Research Council

Sir, I should like to respond to the suggestion in your leading article (November 19) that the Economic and Social Research Council could, "for once", throw off "its Whitehall timidity and academic fastidiousness" by responding to the Prince of Wales's request for a study of the organisation of national community service.

The council was delighted and honoured when the Prince of Wales agreed to write an introduction to our research on "Youth", which appeared in the edition of our newsletter, published yesterday. The council has made it clear in its response that it intends to thank his Royal Highness by responding to his request.

We are already funding a large-scale project on the experiences, views and problems of young people aged 16-19. This research examines the extent to which young people feel challenged by and involved in today's society, and policies which might help develop their resources.

In response to his Royal Highness's suggestion I have already asked that the next phase of the research should include questions on young people's attitudes and involvement with community service on a voluntary basis and their attiudes to a national scheme. The issues will be explored with interviews on a carefully structured sample of over 400 young people in four different locations; the attitudes of a further 5,000 will be investigated by questionnaire. We will have the results by next summer.

The council is not noted for its Whitehall timidity, and almost lost its life five years ago as a result. Today it is alive and well, with a strong independent research programme and a string of projects completed successfully. One of the foundations of this success is the "academic fastidiousness" your leading article exhorts us to throw off – yet it is that fastidiousness which ensures the excellence essential for high-quality research that can influence policy.

We value the imaginative thinking provided by his Royal Highness and the impetus it will give to research. We forgive your misplaced comment and, instead of denigrating our abilities, invite you to recognise our achievements and acknowledge our success.

Yours faithfully,
SUZANNE REEVE,
Acting Chairman,
Economic and Social Research Council,
160 Great Portland Street, W1.

From Dr Ian Bradley

Sir, It is, indeed, welcome news that the Prince of Wales has joined the ranks of enthusiasts for a period of national community service for all young people. But do we really need another feasibility study before we embark on such a scheme?

I know of two detailed studies already in existence on the feasibility of introducing a national community service scheme in Britain. The first was written by Enrico Colombato, of the LSE, at the suggestion of Professor Ralf Dahrendorf and the second was commissioned by the Youth Call group from Professor David Marsland, of Brunel University. Both contain detailed analyses of how such a scheme would work in practice and demonstrate how many genuine and satisfying jobs there are to be done in the fields of caring, education, health work and environmental improvement.

Successive opinion polls have shown that there is overwhelming public support for a national community service scheme run along the lines of the old National Service and possibly incorporating a voluntary military service or Outward Bound option. There are plenty of agencies already in the field, most notably Community Service Volunteers, with considerable experience of placing thousands of young people in voluntary work.

Commissioning reports on what ought to be done is a terrible British disease. What we need is action, not yet more paperwork. Our young people are crying out for it – please don't let us fob them off with another feasibility study.

Yours faithfully,
IAN BRADLEY (Member,
Youth Call working party),
Lintlaw,
7 Strathkinness High Road,
St Andrews, Fife.
November 19.

From Mr Tony Marlow, MP for Northampton North (Conservative)

Sir, It is most encouraging that the Prince of Wales is taking the initiative with regard to national community service. This matter has been debated in Parliament for some time and was given overwhelming support in a motion put down by the late Sir Hugh Fraser.

A scheme could be developed under the umbrella of the Youth Training Scheme. A period of residential basic training in existing Government and private-sector sites would be followed by community service, environmental, and perhaps military options. Initially "action this day"-type staff would be seconded from the private sector and the Armed Forces.

Success would depend on the ability of pilot schemes to catch the public imagination. A high-quality initial cadre would be essential. Costs would be contained by lowering the level of YTS training allowance to subsidise the residential expense.

Certainly, at first, the scheme must be voluntary for financial, logistic and political reasons. For too long our young people have been denied the opportunities for group loyalty, challenge, fitness, travel and the ability to develop the sense of community and commitment that national community service would encourage.

Yours faithfully,
TONY MARLOW,
House of Commons.
November 20.

Britain found wanting

From the President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

Sir, Your editorial, "English export" (November 14), summarises very ably the extent to which Britain's cultural reputation depends on a change in policy and, rightly, calls for the case of increased support to be reopened. You exemplify the parlous state of the British Council and the BBC's External Services, but there are other less easily identifiable victims of the Foreign Office's folly.

A recent visit to five countries in Asia in order to promote postgraduate exchange in medicine caused me despair and embarrassment at being British. Time and again I was asked, why is Britain turning away from those for whom it has provided educational opportunities for so long? My particular concern is the punitive fees which the University Grants Committee (on Government instruction) has recommended for postgraduate courses in medicine for the last six years: for 1987–88 it is "not less than £8,960".

Many may not realise that Britain used to be the key country for postgraduate training in medicine, not only because of its traditionally high standards in medicine but also because we offered – and continue to – crucially important training in clinical skills as distinct from technology: in other words, how to be a good doctor.

Several generations have profited and the demand in south-east Asia for this training remains very great. The dismay at having to undertake postgraduate training in other countries which offer less is profound.

The repercussions on trade and on our reputation as a cultural nation are grave, particularly when young people receive a better welcome from Australia, the United States, West Germany and France.

You conclude, Sir, that the Government neglects proper underwriting of our cultural reputation "at its peril". But it is at the whole nation's peril, for the loss of international good will through this short-sighted, penny-pinching policy will soon be irreparable.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL OLIVER, President,
Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh,
9 Queen Street, Edinburgh.

Slav dilemma

From Mr Aleksa Gavrilović

Sir, Richard Bassett's reference (November 10, 13) to events which took place in Croatia during the Second World War as mutual massacres between Croats and Serbs must be refuted. After the German attack in 1941, the Independent State of Croatia (incorporating Bosnia and Herzegovina) was formed. Its government, led by Pavelić, implemented a policy of "cleansing" the new state of Serbs, Jews and Gypsies. The extermination programme resulted in the massacre of some 700,000 Serbs and 30,000 Jews. A further 200,000 Serb-Orthodox were forcibly converted to Catholicism with full cooperation of the Catholic Church.

In contrast, the Slovenes were fully committed to Yugoslavia before and during the last war, when many of them were deported by the Germans to Serbia, where they shared the hardships of the occupation with the Serbs.

Belgrade is blamed for the state of the country, but the right to self-government of six republics and two autonomous regions makes the Federal Government impotent. The latest proposals to control inflation, reported by Dessa Trevisan (November 16), are opposed by Slovene and Croat members of the Government, who are faced with a dilemma: either to agree to some meaningful constitutional reforms, or to witness a slow disintegration of the country, which may endanger peace in the Balkans.

Yours truly,
ALEKSA GAVRILOVIĆ,
3 Rowley Avenue, Stafford.
November 16.

A bad blow

From Lord Lloyd George of Dwyfor

Sir, Those concerned in East Anglia have clearly done a first-rate job in totally eradicating the coypu (reports, February 17, March 27, 1987). Would this not be an opportune time to urge the Government to give a lead in eradicating once and for all a far more widespread pest, namely the grey squirrel?

With the very extensive tree replanting resulting from the recent hurricane, it will become even more important to eliminate these enemies of trees, and it might be a good plan to start in our London parks.

Yours faithfully,
LLOYD GEORGE OF DWYFOR,
House of Lords.

Police powers in weapon searches

From Chief Superintendent Michael Farbrother

Sir, An air of complacency and self-satisfaction appears to have settled over politicians since the Home Secretary announced (report, October 8) that he intended to introduce legislation which, with certain exceptions, will make it an offence to carry a knife in public.

Illegal knife-carrying is still to be treated as a very minor offence, with a maximum fine of £400. Under *present* legislation there is also a maximum fine of £400 on summary conviction, although research has shown that magistrates are loath to impose fines of more than £30.

Secondly, police officers of all ranks are extremely concerned by the restrictions imposed on them, under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, over weapons searches. When the Home Secretary announced to a recent meeting of the Police Federation (report, October 21) that he intended introducing a parallel power of search in relation to his other proposals about knives, it seems that we all misinterpreted what he was saying; there is no intention to give *additional* powers to search for offensive weapons.

Police officers are presently inhibited from searching people for knives because, under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, they must have "reasonable suspicion" before they do so; but the standard of "reasonable suspicion" specified has to be of the same high standard as required when an arrest is actually made. If it is not, then not only is the police officer concerned liable to be disciplined, but any evidence that he finds, including the weapon, may be excluded by the magistrate.

I contend that, *in prescribed circumstances*, police officers should be able to make searches of individuals for offensive weapons without having to establish that very high standard of suspicion to which I have referred.

One appreciates the reluctance of a society such as ours to afford police *any* increased powers but, in this case, I firmly believe that a minor erosion of our rights as individuals is necessary in order to provide effective protection and deterrence against increasing violence.

Yours etc,
M. FARBROTHER
(Metropolitan Police "Knives" Campaign Co-ordinator),
Kennington Road Police Station,
49/51 Kennington Road, SE1.
November 21.

Village schools

From Mr Jonathan Cheal

Sir, I am surprised to note Lord Denning's suggestion (November 20) that the legal difficulties and doubts arising from the School Sites Act 1841 "have all been cleared away by the Reverter of Sites Act 1987".

With the greatest of respect to his Lordship, that is not the case. In fact, the 1987 Act missed a wonderful opportunity to clarify the law on this interesting but confusing subject, for all it really did was to provide what would happen to a former school site when nobody came forward to claim the right of reverter.

Unfortunately, the new Act does not explain what happens when there are two rival claimants, the one being a descendant of the original grantor and the other being the current owner of the land out of which the grant was originally made. Many of these school sites were granted by landowners in the middle of the last century and there is thus much scope for doubt and contention as to who is now entitled to the land when the school closes.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN CHEAL,
Thrings (Solicitors),
4 Queen Square,
Bath, Avon.
November 20.

Legal constraints

From Mr S. M. Hamer and others

Sir, Frances Gibb's article on Law Society reforms (November 5) reports that solicitors are being urged to widen their services and improve efficiency.

As trainee solicitors, we feel strongly that this impetus to broaden solicitors' range of work and to encourage businesslike and "entrepreneurial" qualities in the profession is unlikely to be effective while the training of solicitors is so exclusively linked to traditional ideas of legal practice and, in particular, while the Law Society's finals course retains its present format.

Although study of traditional "domestic" subjects is vitally important, the course at the moment makes no reference to immigration or European law at all; hardly any to housing or welfare law; and discussion of financial and business law is limited to small firms and partnerships.

Also important is the fact that the pressure and intensity of the course (unequalled, we believe, in other professional exams) has a widespread and potentially damaging effect on students' confidence.

During the year of the course, qualities of individual initiative and critical ability (surely vital to an independent and businesslike legal profession) are severely repressed, while heavy emphasis is put on meticulousness, memory work and the College of Law "core notes", which must in effect be learnt by heart. We fear that the result of this narrowing of vision will continue to shape the attitudes of lawyers throughout their careers.

If the Law Society is sincere in its desire to make the profession efficient, flexible and forward-looking, it ought to look hard and objectively at the nature of the training it is imposing on its new recruits.

Yours faithfully,
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Error of judgement

From Mr Richard P. Cook

Sir, Just as surveyors have understanding of certain aspects of the law, so it is helpful for solicitors to have more than a passing knowledge of building construction, particularly at such times as when I was recently asked, in the course of a conveyancing transaction, to specify "whose obligation it will be to repair the Joyce on which the floor of the premises rests".

Yours faithfully,
R. P. COOK.
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3 and 4 Berners Street, W1.
November 20.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 24 1930

The Times has always had a close interest in the work of the great museums. In this report it will be noted that Piltdown man was still accorded respect; it was to be many years before new dating methods found that "he" was a fraud

SKULL OF PEKING MAN

CAST AT SOUTH KENSINGTON

A cast of the fossilized skull and lower molar recently discovered at Chou Kou Tien, near Peking, has been presented to the British Museum (Natural History) by Mr. F. O Barlow It was received by the Trustees at their meeting on Saturday and is on view to the public in the Fossil Mammal Gallery at South Kensington for comparison with other skulls of primitive man The importance of *Sinanthropus* (as the Peking Man has been named) has been emphasized in letters to *The Times* this year by Professor G. Elliot Smith. While the remains are of approximately the same age as those of the Ape-Man (*Pithecanthropus*) of Java and the Piltdown man (*Eoanthropus*) found in the Sussex Weald in 1912, the juxtaposition of casts in the same display-case now enables visitors to recognize the distinctions.

Among the further gifts received this month are several additions to the zoological collection, notably the skull and skin of a semi-albino Thomson's Gazelle from Kenya, presented by the Maharao of Cutch Sir William Gowers, Governor of Uganda, has placed on loan a record pair of female elephant tusks which belonged to an animal shot by the late Mr P C Pearson, a game ranger of Uganda, while two small collections of mammals have been purchased from the Cameroons and the Peruvians Amazons respectively both containing specimens of rare monkeys The Collection of Minerals has this month received its first specimen of alluvial gold from the Rhine ("Rheingold") through a gift from Dr. E. A. Wülfing, of Heidelberg, while Sir Auckland Geddes has presented minerals from the copper mines of Katanga and Northern Rhodesia.

Elsewhere in London the shopping bonanza was in full swing, with catalogues trumpeting "... handbag tortoiseshell combs mounted in solid gold" at Harrods in Knightsbridge, "a new collection of hats for the Riviera" at Jay's of Regent Street, and, in Oxford Street, at Marshall and Snelgroves

... some charming novelties in scarves, which are meeting with great success, and which would make very acceptable Christmas presents. In a light, but warm, cashmere material lined in taffeta in brilliant plaids and stripes there are delightful scarves at a guinea, which are being sold as fast as they can be made Others in reversible satin in cameo shades as well as brilliant contrasts are equally popular and cost 12s. 6d. In cloth, like nun's veiling, there is a practical and pretty scarf at 7s. 6d. All of these are made in their own workrooms, and are in a becoming cut with narrowing ends like a man's tie; there is a big range of colours in all of them. An attractive novelty is a scarf-zouave, which is very useful over evening dresses or for afternoon wear at bridge; it is made in a zouave shape and gives the effect of a draped wide sleeve; in georgette with a raised velvet design in black it costs 49s. 6d., in spotted ring velvet it costs 54s. 6d., and in chiffon and metal brocade, four guineas. An evening scarf wrap made in a rounded shape and finished with fringe is in coloured prints in lamé at 59s. 6d. The new season's ribbons are also being shown, and there are lovely new wide chene taffetas for sashes and bags and new wide ribbons in gipsy colours, and a big variety of millinery and dress ribbons ...

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 23: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this evening attended a Royal Variety Performance, in aid of the Entertainment Artistes' Benevolent Fund, which was given at the London Palladium.

The Countess of Airlie, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, R.N. were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 23: The Princess of Wales, Patron, National Rubella Council, this morning visited the factory of Park Cakes, Oldham, Greater Manchester, in connection with the National Rubella Awareness Week.

Her Royal Highness later visited the project being carried out by the Oldham and Rochdale Groundwork Trust at Princess Park, Chadderton, Oldham.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Miss Alexandra Loyd and Mr Philip Mackie, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the Girl Guides Association, presented brooches to Queen's Guides at Kensington Palace this afternoon.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 23: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of Women Caring Trust, was present this evening at the Tenth Anniversary House of Lords v House of Commons Charity Swim in aid of the Trust at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, SW1.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 23: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today opened the Sussex Business Industry and Technology Exhibition at Gatwick Airport, West Sussex.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
November 23: Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief of the 17th/21st Lancers, today visited the Regiment at Munster, Germany.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Memorial service

Mr A.H. Ball
A memorial service for Mr Alan Ball was held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. Canon David Burgess officiated. Mr Robert Ball and Mr Simon Ball, sons, read the lessons and Sir Edward du Cann, Chairman of Lonrho, gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Ball (widow), Mrs Robert Ball and Mrs Simon Ball (daughters-in-law), the Hon William and Mrs Gilbey (son-in-law and daughter), Charlotte Gilbey (granddaughter), Mrs Diana Turner (sister).

Mr R W Rowland (managing director and chief executive, Lonrho) with Mr R G Badger, Mr R F Dunlop, Mr N Kruger, Mr T J Robinson, Mr P G B Spicer, Mr P M Tarsh, Mr R E Whitten and Sir Peter Youens (directors) and chief and senior executives from Africa, the United States and Europe.

Lord Roger Manners (Strauss Turnbull and Company), Lord Vaux of Harrowden, Lady Duncan-Sandys, the Hon Michael and Mrs Gilbey, the Hon Mervyn Greenway, Mr John Morrish, Mr Donald Trelford (editor, *The Observer*), Mr John Cairns with Miss Marietta Kinross (Cameron Markby solicitors), Mr Kenneth Harris (George Outram and Company), Mr C M Lumn (Whyte and Mackay Distillers), Mr W D Downes (Dixon Wilson and Company), Mr Derek G Hull (chief executive, Group 4), the managing director, Kuehne and Nagel (UK), Mr Robin Baillie (Standard Chartered Bank), Mr A P Brown with Mr D W H Farmer (Standard Chartered), Mr Chant Bank), Mr James Judd (chairman, Walter Judd), Mr D W Bullard (Southern Watch and Clock Supplies), Mr D F Barker with Mr R E J Major (F E Wright) and Mr A G Reynolds (Baumann Hind).

Westminster School

A service in commemoration of the Founders and Benefactors of Westminster School was held in Westminster Abbey on November 20. In accordance with a special clause in the Act of Uniformity the service was said and sung in Latin. The lesson was read by the Dean of Westminster and the address was given by the Head Master. During the singing of the *Te Deum* roses were laid on the tomb of Queen Elizabeth I. After the service receptions were held up School and up House.

Shrewsbury School

The Governors of Shrewsbury School have appointed Mr F.E. Maidment, Headmaster of Ellesmere College, to succeed Mr S.J.B. Langdale, as Headmaster of Shrewsbury School. *Mr Maidment will take up his* appointment in September 1988.

Marriages

Mr F.J. Buckland
and Mrs L.F. Saker
The marriage took place in Oxford, on November 19, 1987, of Mr John Buckland to Mrs Lavender Saker.

Mr M. Hutchinson
and Miss N. Burns
The marriage took place on Sunday, November 8, at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, of Mr Marc Hutchinson to Miss Nica Burns.

Commodore D.M. Jeffreys, RN,
and Mrs E.K. Earle
The marriage took place quietly in London on November 21, of Commodore David Jeffreys, Royal Navy, to Mrs Elizabeth Kelly Earle.

Bridge

Saga Seniors' Trophy
Following ten heats and an original entry of 343 pairs the final of the Saga Seniors' Trophy took place at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, over the weekend. British international Tony Priday and Michael Wolach gained their second win in the event by an overwhelming 52 points.

1, R A Priday and M Wolach 1932; 2, Miss V Allinson and Brig C E H Sparrow, 1880; 3, I G Smith and J Burkeman, 1815; 4, Dr M Rushton and J A Miller, 1779; 5, M D Shenai and R Franks, 1774; 6, Dr R Allan and P R Baines, 1769.

Junior Camrose Trial
The final trial to assist the English Bridge Union's selectors in choosing the team to represent England in the Junior Camrose Trophy took place at the Young Chelsea club, London, over the weekend.

1, D Patterson, M Rosen, G Tredinnick and F P Tredinnick, 126; 2, J F Portage, A Robson, G Hartley and A Dyson, 99; 3, J P Hackett, J T Hackett, T Mathews and B Barry, 79; 4, D Barker, D Walker, P Dunsby and Miss S Dunsby, 54.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead

The life barony conferred upon the Right Honourable Roy Harris Jenkins has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Jenkins of Hillhead, of Pontypool in the County of Gwent.

Birthdays today

Mr Ian Botham, cricketer, 32; Mr Lynn Chadwick, sculptor, 73; Mr Billy Connolly, comedian, 45; Miss Beryl Cooper, QC, 63; Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, 67; Lord John-Mackie, 78; Mr David Kossoff, actor and author, 68; General Sir Richard Lawson, 60; Professor Sir Claus Moser, warden, Wadham College, Oxford, 65; Mr Charles Osborne, author, 60; Mr Alun Owen, actor and scriptwriter, 62; Miss Vivien Saunders, golfer, 41; Mr A.J. Sylvester, civil servant, 98; the Right Rev F.S. Temple, former Bishop of Malmesbury, 71.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Laurence Sterne, novelist, Clonmel, Co Tipperary, 1713; John Bacon, sculptor, London, 1740; Zachary Taylor, 12th president of the USA 1849-50, Orange County, Virginia, 1784; Grace Darling, heroine of the Forfarshire wreck, Bamborough, Northumberland, 1815; Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Albi, France, 1864.

DEATHS: John Knox, Edinburgh, 1572; *William Lamb*, 2nd Viscount Melbourne, prime minister 1834, 1835-41, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, 1848; Sir Henry Havelock, general, Lucknow, 1857; Robert Erskine Childers, Irish nationalist and writer, executed, Dublin, 1922; Georges Clemenceau, prime minister of France 1917-20, Paris, 1929.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give an evening reception for Members of the Diplomatic Corps at Buckingham Palace at 9.30. Princess Margaret will attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron and trustee, will hold receptions at St James's Palace at 11.30 and 4.00 for young people who have reached the Gold Award Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Later, as Visitor and Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Art, he will open the Great Engineers Exhibition at the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, at 6.00

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend a reception given by the London branch of The Black Watch Association at The Duke of York's Headquarters at 6.30.

The Prince of Wales will open the second international conference on the protection of the North Sea at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, at 10.15; and, as President of the Prince of Wales' Advisory Group on Disability, will visit the Disabled Living Foundation, 380-384 Harrow Road, W9, at 3.00.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the East Africa Women's League, will attend the annual meeting at Holy Trinity Church House, Brompton Road, at 2.50.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the 125th show and sale of the Birmingham Agricultural Exhibition Show at the County Showground, Stafford, at 11.00; the Ancient High House, Stafford, at 2.15; and will open the Foregate Court Housing Scheme for the Beth Johnson Housing Association in Stafford at 3.10.

The Duke of Kent, as chairman, will attend the National Electronics Council Mountbatten lecture at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, at 5.50.

The Duchess of Kent, as Controller Commandant, will attend the Director of the *WRAC's annual conference at* the Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, at 10.00.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.H. Battersby
and Miss A.C. Darroch
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr R.C. Battersby, MEP, MBE, and Mrs Battersby, of Merstham, Surrey and Beverley, East Yorkshire, and Ailsa, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B.C. Darroch, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr A.R. Bolitho
and Miss A.L. Shaw-Baker
The engagement is announced between Alverne, youngest son of Major and Mrs S.E. Bolitho, of Trengwainton, Penzance, Cornwall, and Annabel, younger daughter of the late Mr M. Shaw-Baker and of Mrs M. Shaw-Baker, of Millholme Mill, Kendal, Cumbria.

Mr P.I. Dunbar
and Miss S.A. Latham
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Wing Commander and Mrs Reginald Dunbar, of Highcliffe, Dorset, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Latham, of Verwood, Dorset.

Mr M. Goldthorpe
and Second Officer S.L. Howard, WRNS,
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs G. Goldthorpe, of Thurnscoe, South Yorkshire, and Sally, elder daughter of Rear Admiral C.J. Howard, of Portsmouth, and Mrs J.Howard, of Winchester.

Dr C.K.H. Jardine
and Miss J.M. Hannah
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the Rev David and Mrs Jardine, of Bournemouth, and Jacqueline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hannah, of Airdrie, Lanarkshire.

Mr R. Mookerjee
and Miss C.M. Grady
The engagement is announced between Rajen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Romen Mookerjee, of Calcutta, and Carolyn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Grady, of Norwich and Brookline, Massachusetts.

Mr M.A. Parker
and Miss C.M. Earle
The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mrs Pamela Parker, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, and the late Mr D.A. Parker, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs David Earle, of Kington Langley, Wiltshire.

Mr T.F. Thompson
and Mrs J.A. Hampton
The engagement is announced between Thomas Fels Thompson, of Christchurch, New Zealand, and Jessica Ann Hampton, of Oxley House, Tolleshunt D'Arcy.

Jonkheer S.L. van Holthe tot Echten
and Miss T.C. Jungqvist
The engagement is announced between Sam, eldest son of Jonkheer and Mrs U.H. van Holthe tot Echten, of Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and Tove, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jungqvist, of Stockholm, Sweden.



Despite dismal rain the Princess of Wales raised a smile and the spirits of Ann Lawton, aged 16, who has spina bifida, by pushing her around a park at Chadderton, Greater Manchester, yesterday.

The Princess, Patron of the National Rubella Council, later visited a bakery at Oldham, to launch Rubella Awareness Week, a campaign backed by the Government and a number of charities aimed at eradicating German measles among pregnant women. Management at Park Cakes, with a large proportion of women among its 1,200-strong workforce, has been running a pilot scheme encouraging them to take blood tests and to have rubella vaccinations where necessary.

"Too many women in this country are still not protected against the risk that rubella, if caught in pregnancy, can result in a child being born deaf, blind or mentally or physically handicapped," the Princess said.

The Rhino Rescue Ball will be held at the Natural History Museum on Thursday, December 3.

Latest wills

Arthur Frederick Daubeny Olav Eveleigh de Moleyns, 7th Baron Ventry, of Branksome Park, Dorset, the balloonist and airship champion, left estate valued at £776,832 net.

Air Vice Marshal Edward Barker Addison, of Weybridge, Surrey, the signals specialist who commanded 100 Group during the last war, left estate valued at £129,820 net.

Mr Peter Anthony Aisher, of Pollensa, Majorca, and late of Penshurst, Kent, left estate valued at £1,217,649 net.

Mr Philip Daniel Joseph Daly, of Bath, Avon, Head of BBC Science Features and later Head of the Network Production Centre, BBC Bristol, left estate valued at £47,294 net.

Mr Charles Jasper, of Launceston, Cornwall, late yeoman, left estate valued at £804,147 net.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street.

Hughenden Foundation
Lord Carr of Hadley was host at a reception held at the Carlton Club in honour of Mr Seizo Ota, President of the Toho Mutual Life Insurance Company, on the occasion of Toho's donation to support the Hughenden Foundation's research programme.

Anglo-Jewish Association
Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Anglo-Jewish Association at Chatham House yesterday.

Ruskin Society of London
The Swiss Ambassador and Mme Pictet were among the guests at a reception given by the Ruskin Society of London at the Royal Institution of Great Britain yesterday evening. Miss O.E. Madden, honorary secretary, received the guests.

Dinners

Inter-Parliamentary Union
Mr Michael Marshall, MP, Chairman of the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a dinner held last night at the Athenaeum Hotel in honour of a Parliamentary delegation from Tunisia led by Mr Rachid Sfar, President of the National Assembly.

European-Atlantic Group
Lord Chalfont, Vice-President of the European-Atlantic Group, presided at a dinner held last night at St Ermin's Hotel in honour of General John Galvin, Supreme Allied Commander Europe. Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, vice-chairman, and General Sir Harry Tuzo, vice-president, also spoke. Among those present were:

Ambassadors, High Commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Countess of Shannon, Viscount Slim, Viscount Hood, Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Lord Colnbrook, Lady Chalfont, Lord Montgomery of Alamein, Lord Mottistone, Lord Hankey, the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, the Hon Nicholas Soames, MP, Sir James and Lady Dunnett, Admiral Sir James Eberle, Air Chief Marshal Sir Alisdair Sleedman, Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, Vice-Admiral Sir Ian and Lady McGeoch, Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh and Lady McKenzie, Sir Peregrine Rhodes, Sir David and Lady Llewellyn, Sir Frank and Lady Roberts, Sir David Wills, Sir Oliver Wright, Mrs Galvin and Mr Roger Freeman, MP.

Cardiff Business Club
The Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Mrs Susan E. Williams, was present at a dinner of the Cardiff Business Club held at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was Mr Paddy Ashdown, MP, and Mr Wyndham Lewis, Chairman of Cardiff Business Club, presided.

Justice of the Peace Reports — 150th Anniversary
Mr Barry Rose presided last night at a dinner held at Stationers' Hall to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of *Justice of the Peace Reports*. Among those present were:

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern and Lady Mackay, Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, Judge Michael Argyll, QC, Mr Geoffrey Norman, Judge Jean Graham Hall, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Yell, Judge Patrick Hannan, Mr and Mrs John Spencer, Mr and Mrs Cyril Latham, Mr Stephen Day, Mr and Mrs William Scott, Mr and Mrs Daniel Janner, Mr Peter Morrish, Mr Gerard Sullivan, Mr Christopher Bezell, Mr Ronald Stone, Mr C.H. Moiser, Mr and Mrs Neil McKittrick, Mr Justice and Lady Taylor, Mr and Mrs Ian McLeod and Mr David Cocks, QC.

Parliament this week

Commons
Today (2.30): Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency Bill, second reading. Debate on reform of the common agricultural policy.
Tomorrow (2.30): Urban Development Corporations (Financial Limits) Bill and Scottish Development Agency Bill, remaining stages.
Thursday (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on financial pressures on NHS hospitals. Motion on financial assistance to Opposition parties.
Friday (9.30): Debate on private Member's motion on the fall in unemployment.
Lords
Today (2.30): Merchant Shipping Bill, committee, first day.
Tomorrow (2.30): Debates on privatization and on alcohol abuse.
Thursday (3): Civil Evidence (Scotland) Bill, committee. Merchant Shipping Bill, committee, second day.

Science report

How mountains of sand carry the Sahara south

By Keith Hindley

A new mechanism for the drifting of vast "lakes" of sand in the desert has been revealed by satellite images of north Africa.

Geographers and geologists now suspect the process may be the most important sand transport process yet discovered, and a major driving force towards African desertification by the seemingly inexorable spread southward of the Sahara.

Dr Ted Maxwell and Dr Vance Haynes of the Centre for Earth and Planetary Studies, at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, in Washington, found the first clue when they noticed faint zig-zag, or chevron, shaped markings on images of the expanding desert of western Egypt and northern Sudan.

The pictures were taken from 500 miles up by the Landsat satellite. The markings became obvious under computer exhancement and were found mainly at the core of each desert region.

Subsequent field studies in the Sudan showed that the chevrons were difficult to spot at ground level.

"A chevron is typically three miles long by half a mile wide but is only four inches thick," says Ted Maxwell. "But in a year it is blown southwards by more than 500 yards. Now that is a real gallop compared with the 10 yards that the average sand dune moves annually and each chevron can shift more than half a million cubic yards of sand."

This means that chevrons are at least five times more effective at moving sand than the great dune fields and they are a vital mechanism in turning the region into desert.

"The chevrons are very active and clearly churn up old soil and pebbles in their path and quickly convert drought-gripped farmland into one smooth desert sand sheet", Maxwell says.

"Northwest Sudan and western Egypt have been slowly changing into desert for 6,000 years, and that transformation is driven by changes in weather patterns.

"It now rains in this area perhaps once every 30 or 40 years but it was clearly fertile at one time. Radar images taken from the US space shuttle show a complex network of wide river valleys below the blanket of sand."

Maxwell's findings also explain some puzzles in the "sandy" regions of Mars. Images of Martian "sand" deserts returning by the Mariner 9 and Viking spacecraft show both light and dark regions and formations which resemble the Egyptian chevrons.

"Many scientists have assumed that the dark areas of Mars move more rapidly across the surface than the light", says Maxwell.

"Our study of Earth shows that the light-coloured areas must represent fine "sand" and be the prime mover. The dark areas will be protected from the wind by small gravel and pebbles, just as they are on Earth."



HE'S NOT SHORT OF FOOD. HE'S SHORT OF TRANSPORT.

Again rain has failed the Ethiopian farmer.

Serious malnutrition and cases of starving to death have already been reported during the past few days.

Within weeks the story will be the same for many thousands of other Ethiopians.

Yet for once it's not the lack of food which is the single biggest problem.

It's the lack of transport.

The United Nations Association is supporting the major UN relief effort now underway.

We urgently need 100 trucks to transport food to the drought affected areas.

Your support is desperately needed now, to save lives in the coming weeks.

Please give as much as you can.

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OBITUARY

SIR HUBERT PATCH
Arming the RAF

Air Chief Marshal Sir Hubert Patch, KCB, CBE, former Commander-in-Chief, Arabian Peninsula, and Commander of the Middle East Air Force in Cyprus during the Suez Crisis, died on November 18 at his home in Marbella. He was 82.

Known in his day as the "Arms King of the RAF" for his expertise in that direction, and as "The Man with the Punch" for his boxing abilities, Patch helped to improve the effectiveness of wartime bombing.

Hubert Leonard Patch was born on December 16, 1904, the son of a naval officer, and went to Stonyhurst before going to Cranwell in 1923.

His technical bent led him to concentrate on aerial gunnery and bombing, and in the years before the war he was involved almost exclusively in posts connected with these matters.

When war came he served at HQ Bomber Command, and on operational stations until 1942. Then he became Director of Armament Requirements at the Air Ministry, the only holder of this appointment which was abolished when the war ended.

The RAF had entered the war with no heavy bombs, poor tactics and no real capacity to destroy targets like stone bridges, U-boat pens or dams. As late as 1941 Bomber Command was facing the fact that it was achieving virtually nothing.

Patch helped to devise new bombing techniques. He himself commanded bomber stations, and played a significant part in raising the bombing effort to the level of a plausible strategic offensive. When he went to his armament requirements job he was able to approach the task of making sure squadrons got what they really needed, from the standpoint of his practical experience.

His four mentions in despatches and appointment as CBE acknowledged the value of his services.

Patch's promotion after the war was rapid. He was briefly AOC-in-C Fighter Command in 1956, leaving that job to become C-in-C Middle East Air Force on the eve of the Suez Crisis. From his headquarters in Cyprus he directed the air operations throughout the campaign.

In 1959, the establishment of a unified system of command for the three services at Aden led to his appointment as the first Commander-in-Chief, British Forces Arabian Peninsula.

This was his last job and he retired in 1960, but he worked for two more years as representative of the British Aircraft Corporation to Nato countries.

A broadshouldered, moustached figure, Patch was a formidable boxer in his youth, and won the RAF's Wakefield Novices Cup. He later did a lot to encourage boxing in the RAF, through his chairmanship of the RAF Boxing Association, and he played rugby for the RAF.

Patch was a relentless worker with an extraordinary memory for technical detail. But these taxing qualities were allied with a sense of humour which made him one of nature's leaders of men.

DR PETER NEWTON

Dr Peter Newton, iconographer and historian of mediaeval stained glass, has died at the age of 52. He built up his department at York University as the leading centre in England on mediaeval glass.

Peter Anthony Newton was born in Leicester in 1935 and read History of Art at the Courtauld Institute. He became Mellon Lecturer in British Mediaeval Art at York in 1965. Despite severe injuries in a car crash in 1970 he continued to lecture, but had to take early retirement last year.

He moved to Norwich, an ideal choice, given two of his greatest passions, his love of mediaeval glass, and his chief relaxation, sailing on the Norfolk Broads.

He played a crucial role in establishing Mediaeval Studies at York University, in King's Manor, which became an outstanding centre for graduate research. He helped to set up the Wormald Library there as a memorial to his former teacher, Professor Francis Wormald.

His own teaching could be eccentric but it was also inspiring, and a generation of scholars in the field of stained glass studies owes a vast debt to his generosity and enthusiasm.

At one time he was a co-opted member of the York City Art Gallery Committee.

He served the Minster as academic adviser to the York Glaziers' Trust. His expertise was invaluable during the restoration of the 12th- and 14th-century glass in the nave clerestory of the Minster. Many of its jumbled panels were properly identified by him for the first time.

Newton exerted influence in the field of glass conservation through the stained glass subcommittee of the Council for Care of Churches.

His major publication was *The County of Oxford: A Catalogue of Mediaeval Stained Glass*, published by the British Academy in 1979.

Work on a similar volume on the city of Oxford was under way at the time of his death; his students intend to complete the project.

He was unmarried.

BRIG C. A. LANGLEY

Brigadier C. A. Langley, CB, CBE, MC and Bar, Chief Inspecting Officer of Railways in the 1960s, died on November 21, aged 90.

Following an established tradition, he came to the job after a distinguished military career as a Sapper.

Educated at Cheltenham College and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, Langley was commissioned in the Royal Engineers in 1915, and during the Great War was mentioned three times in despatches as well as winning his two Military Crosses. Later he did a year at Cambridge as part of his engineering training.

Between the wars he specialised in military railways, then an important feature of military life in the heyday of Empire. From 1927-33 he was seconded to the Great Indian Peninsular Railway for the electrification of the Bombay-Poona line.

During the Second World War he held three important transportation posts: in the Middle East; in India, training the Indian Engineers' water transport troops; and in South-East Asia Command, as Deputy Quartermaster-General (Movements and Transportation).

In 1946 he became commandant of the Transportation Training Centre at Longmoor before transferring to civilian life as an Inspecting Officer of Railways. After retiring as Chief Inspector he became an engineering consultant.

He was twice married. His first wife, by whom he had a son and a daughter, died in 1931. By his second wife, who died in 1981, he had two daughters.

MR HAROLD LEGER

Mr Harold Leger, of the old-established art-dealing firm, the Leger Galleries, died on November 21. He was 90.

The gallery prospered in Duke Street, St James's, during the 1920s, and branches were opened in the 1930s in New York and Chicago — despite difficulties arising from the crash of 1929. In 1930 Leger moved his main premises in London to Bond Street.

In those troubled times he turned to the promotion of contemporary British artists. Many young artists had reason to be grateful to him, among them Jack Yeats (brother of the poet) and William Scott.

By the late 1950s, when it was clear that Leger had steered his firm through the troubles of the art trade, he was concentrating his efforts on Old Masters and English pictures, and continued to do so well into his eighties.

There was a sad cloud towards the end of his career when he was among those deceived during the trade in counterfeit English paintings produced by the faker Tom Keating.

Leger loved particularly the work of Romney. The purchase by the gallery at Kendal (where Romney lived) of the Romney masterpiece *The Gower Family* - a major sale of the early 1970s - gave him much happiness.

Leger's style of dealing was one of extreme friendship, understanding and encouragement for young people whether they were collectors or fellow dealers. He had, perhaps, little time for today's fashionably scholarly approach, but he had an uncanny eye, and remarkable kindness.

He is survived by his wife Joy and by three daughters.

OLIVE STEPHENS

Olive Stephens, a clergyman's wife who became a household name in the early 1960s as a resident member of the *Ask Me Another* quiz team on television, died on November 19 aged 69.

She attributed her success to omnivorous reading. When her children were young, reading "was an escape from the kitchen sink." As a child she read, over and over again, every page of the eight volumes of Cassell's *Book of Knowledge*

She is survived by her husband and three sons.

Dr Johannes Eisenbeiss, the brewer who developed the popular high gravity, low carbohydrate lager known as Diät Pils, has died in Monte Carlo at the age of 74.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours
Revelation 14 : 13

BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG - On November 16th 1987, to Carol and Chris, a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth Rose, a sister for Rebecca and Alexander.

ATHOPARTNEY - On November 18th, at Featherwood Hospital, to Deborah (née Bellis-Hamilton) and Michael, a son, Louis Joseph Peter, a brother for Thomas and Nicholas.

BAKER - On November 20th 1987, at West Middlesex University Hospital to Helen (née Sharrock) and Jonathan, a daughter, Clara, a sister for James.

CAREY - On November 21st, at Guy's Hospital, to Carmen (née Bleda-Martinez) and Gerard, a son, Nicolas Sean David.

de la FORGE - On November 21st, to Caroline (née Calor) and Piers, a son, James Edward.

HARDING - On November 21st 1987, at the Norfolk & Norwich, to Bridget and David, a son, Toby William Livingston. (Eric).

HARRIS - On November 19th, to Patsy (née Drury) and Patrick, a daughter, Clodagh Mary, a sister for James.

HOLLIS - On November 16th 1987, to Alison (née Newbern) and William, a daughter, Katherine Eleanor.

JONES - On November 20th, to Lucinda and John, a daughter, Rosanna Frances Laura.

MUIR - On November 21st 1987, to Dean (née Hogan) and Andrew, a daughter, Mara Francis.

REYS-LLEWELLYN - On November 21st, at Wrexham, to Wendy (née Gibson) and Geoffrey, a son, Matthew James.

DEATHS

AYRE - On November 20th, suddenly at his home in Bridgewater, Somerset, Henry (Harry) Woolzar A.F.C., aged 69. Beloved husband of Joan, and loving father to Simon. Cremation private, no flowers or letters please. If desired donations to The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. C/O J.E. Gilbert & Sons, 159 St John Street, Bridgewater, Somerset. TA6 3JA.

BAKER - On November 21st 1987, suddenly but peacefully Lady Mary Caroline of Shroton. Near Blandford, Dorset. Dearly loved by all her family and friends. Funeral service at the Parish Church of St Mary Shroton on Wednesday November 25th at 2.00pm. to be followed by interment at St John The Baptist, Spetisbury, Nr Blandford. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the Salisbury Cathedral Spire Appeal may be sent to Colin J. Close Funeral Directors, 13 Salisbury St, Blandford, Dorset. 0258 53133

BARKER - On November 22nd, peacefully at Winchester, Evelyn Mary aged 94. Dearly loved sister of Edith and aunt to Nicholas and Jeremy. Private service; no flowers please, but any donations to the Brendoncare Foundation, Park Road, Winchester, Hants.

BRICE - On November 21st, suddenly, David Charles Brice M.B.E., husband of Gillian, father of Jane and Richard. Funeral to be arranged.

CREE - On November 20th 1987, Dr. Malcolm Henry suddenly in California. Beloved husband of Ruth, devoted father of Anthony, Laurence and Jonathan. Loving father-in-law of Holly and loving grandfather of Melanie and Jeremy.

DEARDEN - On Wednesday November 18th, Sara Felicity, tragically at Kings Cross, darling daughter of Peter and Riki and sister of Jo. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service for her life at St. Margaret's Church, Clay-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, on Saturday November 28th at 2 pm. Flowers to S.T. Sutton, Burnt St, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk.

EVANS - On November 21st, at Roslyn, Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Barrington Carlyon, M.A. much loved schoolmaster of Swanbourne, Dulwich, and Port Regis, aged 65. Funeral at 12 noon on Friday, November 27th at St Mary's Motcombe. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, C/O. Johnson and Son, F.D., Shaftesbury.

FORBES - On November 21st, Mary Doreen, widow of the late Colonel the Honourable Donald Forbes dear sis MVO. Much loved mother of Rosalen and Penelope and Grandmother of Alexandra.

FOSKETT - On November 18th 1987, after a short illness, Sarah Jean (née Mulgrave), aged 80 years. Wife of the late Henry Horace, much loved mother of Anne Mary and Richard. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday November 26th at 12 noon. Enquiries to: Raine & Son Ltd (Eastbourne 27801).

GLENDINNING - On Wednesday November 18th, tragically, aged 20, Jonathan, deeply loved son of Nan and Frank, and cherished brother of Katherine, beloved eldest grandson of Glanda and Doris Stockbridge of Cheam, Surrey. Greatly missed by all his family and friends at home and abroad. Service at St Andrews URC Church, Northey Avenue, Cheam, Surrey, on Friday 27th November at 1pm. and at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, Surrey at 2.pm. Floral tributes to Trueloves, 31 High Street, Cheam. 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord' Amen Rev. 14-15.

GUNDRY - On November 22nd 1987, Gwendolin Agnes, aged 96 years. Widow of Louis Lionel Cohen, who suffered patiently great disabilities. Funeral 10.30 am Thursday 26th November, at St Stephen's Church, Southwell Gardens, London SW7. Flowers to the Church.

HARCOURT WILLIAMS - On November 20th, peacefully after a short illness, in her 90th year, Jessica, widow of Anthony Harcourt Williams and formerly widow of Col. Lionel Graham R.A.M.C. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Requiem Mass on Friday, November 27th, 11 am. at St.Thomas More's Catholic Church, High Street, Bramley, Surrey. Family flowers only but if so wished donations to the Tuberous Sclerosis Society, Treasurer Mr G. Barker, 3 Bancks Street, Minehead, Somerset.

HEWITT - On November 20th 1987, Edith Dorothy, loving wife of Brian, mother of David, Guinevere, Evan, Mark and Diana. Funeral service on Thursday November 26th at St Mary's, Thatcham, at 1.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Age Concern or Christian Aid.

JOLLIFFE - On November 18th, William Jameson F.R.I.C.S., aged 83, beloved husband of Margaret and father of Gray and Robin. The funeral service will be held at 11.45 am on Wednesday November 25th at Peterborough Cathedral followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if you wish, to: Save the Children Fund, c/o Barclays Bank, 1 Church Street, Peterborough.

KYNASTON - On November 22nd, Dr. Roger, peacefully in hospital in Cambridge, aged 70. Much loved husband of Prue, father of Sarah, Phebe, Anne and Louise, Grandfather of Angela, Derren, Bethia, Hannah and Jack. Funeral on Monday November 30th at 2.15 pm in Coton Church. No flowers please, but donations if wished to: Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain, Nattrass House, 35 MacCauley Road, SW4 0QP.

LANGLEY - On November 21st, peacefully Brigadier Charles Ardagh C.B. C.B.E. M.C. late of Little Austins Farnham aged 90. Funeral at St. Thomas-on-The Bourne, Farnham, on November 30th at 11.15, followed by cremation at Aldershot Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Woodlarks Trust, Tilford Road, Farnham.

LEVER - On November 21st 1987, in his 91st year, Harold, peacefully with his family, at home. Funeral at St. Nicholas's, Charlwood on Thursday, 26th November at 11.15am, followed by private cremation. No flowers, by request, but donations in lieu to St. Catherine's Hospice, Morthouse Road, Crawley, would be greatly received.

LORIMER - On November 22nd 1987, Brigadier Walter Loring C.B.E. 19th Lancers (I.A.) (Rtd) of Slingsby, York, peacefully at The Military Hospital, Catterick, aged 84 years. Beloved husband and father. Funeral private. Donations, if desired, to The Royal British Legion, Stamford Bridge, Yorks, Branch.

MACEY - On November 20th 1987, John P. (Jack) C.B.E., F.R.I.C.S. aged 80 years. Dearly loved husband of Jill, devoted father of John and Gillian and father-in-law of Mary and David. Very dear grandfather of Vicky, Chris, Mark, Helen, Paula, Carmel and Tony. Greatly loved and sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at St. Andrews Old Church, Church Road, Hove, at 12.30 pm on Thursday 26th November. Family flowers only but if desired donations to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1.

MADAN - On November 19th, peacefully, at St. Andrew's Convent, Hawick, Marjorie, widow of the late Geoffrey Madan, mother of Nicola Campbell. Funeral Service 12.15pm, Putney Vale Crematorium. Cut flowers only, to J.H. Kenyon Ltd, 74 Rochester Row, SW1.

MAITLAND-MAKGILL-CRICHTON - On November 16th, Commander David Hugh Maitland-Makgill-Crichton D.S.O., D.S.C., R. of D., F.I.I., M.I.T.I., A.T.A., RN (ret'd) of Dunstable, Beds. Aged 77 years. On Monday November 30th, the funeral cortege will leave Neville Funeral Service at 1.30pm, arriving at St George of England Church, Toddington, Beds. at 2.00pm. Flowers and further enquiries to Neville (0582 874902).

MATHER - On November 20th 1987, at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, Daughter of the late Harold and Ethel Rhodes, wife of Professor Sir Kenneth Mather and mother of Robert. Funeral Service at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham on November 27th 1987 at 11.30am. Flowers and enquiries to Ambler Brothers, 350 Alcester Road, Birmingham B13 8LJ. Telephone 021 449 6666.

MAY - On November 19th, in hospital, Lewis A. Cremation at Bedford Crematorium on Thursday, November 26th at 10.30 am. No flowers.

MORGAN - On November 20th 1987, after a long illness, Elizabeth Diana, much loved. The funeral service will take place on Friday November 27th at Guildford Crematorium at 4pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the Nurses Appeal, Royal Surrey County Hospital, c/o Pimms Funeral Services, Mary Road, Guildford. Tel: (0483) 67394.

NEWTON - On November 19th, Peter Anthony, Ph.D., F.S.A., of Norwich and formerly University of York. Cremation at Earlham Crematorium, Norwich, noon of November 26th. All enquiries to Gordon Barber, Norwich 484308.

PHILLIPS - On November 21st 1987, in Guildford, Rowena Madeleine Vawdrey, widow of Donald. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday November 26th at 10.30 am. Donations, if desired, for Cancer Research, C/O Pimms Funeral Services, Mary Road, Guildford. Tel. (0483) 67394.

PRESCOTT-DECIE - On November 20th 1987, peacefully at home after a short illness, Celia Sylvia Caroline in her 73rd year. Beloved wife of John, mother of Brian and Helen, and grandmother of Philip. Funeral service at The Church of St John The Baptist, Spencer Road, Wimbledon, on Friday November 27th, at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations to St Raphael's Hospice, London Road, North Cheam, Sutton, Surrey, SM3 9DX.

ROBERTSON - On November 22nd, in St Albans City Hospital, Archibald Pollock Robertson, M.D. Ch.B.; aged 77. Beloved husband of Marjorie and father of Ian and Janet. Funeral at St. Nicholas Church, Harpenden on Friday November 27th 1987 at 2 pm. All enquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral Directors, telephone 05827 2965/5395.

SMYTH - On November 19th, Eileen Helen Nancy Smyth, beloved widow of the late Col. Owen Smyth. Funeral Tuesday December 1st, 12 noon at St Nicholas Church, Brockenhurst. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Royal British Legion c/o Lloyds Bank, Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

SNOWDEN - On November 19th, suddenly, Geoffrey Fletcher Snowden, aged 77. Much loved father of Jennifer and David, and grandfather of Melanie, William and Henrietta. Funeral private. No flowers please, but donations may be sent to The British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London, W1. Thanksgiving service at The Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Richmond, Surrey at 3pm on Tuesday December 1st.

SPICER - On November 20th, peacefully, Olga Dykes, dearly loved sister and aunt. Private cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Wednesday December 2nd, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at United Reform Church, Brill at 2.45 pm. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to: Black Friars Settlement, Work Centre for the Disabled, c/o B. Taylor Esq., Corbett Road, Carterton, Oxon.

SUMNER - On November 19th, of Wallasey (formerly of Calderstones Road, Liverpool), John George husband of the late Dorothy M Sumner, and father of Alisa (Milla), and Roger. Service at St. Hilary Church, Wallasey, on Wednesday November 25th at 12.15pm, followed by cremation at Landican Crematorium, Wirral. Family flowers only donations if desired to the West Lancashire Victoria Fund of Benevolence, care of Snowhall, Eyffyn-Taylor, and Pruddah, 41 North John Street, Liverpool. L2 6RZ.

WATKINS - On November 20th at The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Wonford, Exeter, Anastasia Marie, beloved wife of Dr John Watkins and dearest mother of Kieran and Patrick. Requiescat in pace. Requiem Mass Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Heavitree, Exeter, Wednesday November 25th at 12 noon, followed by interment at The Higher Cemetery. Family flowers only.

WATTS-RUSSELL - On November 21st, peacefully at home, Major David Watts-Russell, Coldstream Guards of Bippin Hall, Benefield. Private cremation, no flowers.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BUCHER - The Memorial Service for Joyce Mary Bucher will take place on Friday December 4th at 11 am at Winston Church, Winchester.

ERBRICH R.R - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Richard Erbrich will be held at St Margaret Church, Lothbury, London EC2 on Monday November 30th 1987 at 12 noon. All are welcome.

McCULLOCH - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Robin McCulloch will be held at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, EC4 on Tuesday 8th December at 12 noon.

STEWART - A Service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady (Cynthia) Stewart, O.B.E., J.P., will be held at St. George's, Hanover Square, W1, on Tuesday, December 15th at 12 noon.

Luncheon

HM Government

The Secretary of State for the Home Department was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House to mark the retirement of Sir James Hennessy as HM Chief Inspector of Prisons.

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Service dinner

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Colonel Simon Towneley, Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire and Honorary Colonel of The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the 14th/20th King's Hussars held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major-General Sir Michael Palmer, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Full of Eastern menace

Any programme that begins with a real murder will inevitably tend to tail off, although *World in Action* (Granada) managed to hold the eye for its duration. The murder was that of a swindler who had incurred the wrath of the dreaded Yakuza, Japan's answer to the Mafia; with newsmen crowding round, the gangsters burst down their victim's door and stabbed him to death. This episode was shown uncut on Japanese television, which *may* say something about the strength of stomachs inured to sadistic game shows, not to mention raw fish.

There were more cuts, in full colour, in a tattoo parlour whose business it is to make gangsters look as though they are wearing permanent silk dressing gowns below the face. Making a living out of being tough would seem to be a matter of some dedication: in order to expiate minor infringements of the criminals' code, a Yakuza member is obliged to sever one of his fingers. Perhaps mercifully, no footage of such an operation was available.

This report took a cool look at the organization's status in Japanese society, where its profile is as high as the risen sun. Not content with ruining drugs and recruiting 'hostesses', the Yakuza may now be found at the AGMs of large corporations, shouting out scandal about the management and dreaming of telephone-number blackmail payoffs. It was an unfortunate coincidence, and one unlikely to inspire confidence, that the police prosecutor charged with investigating such activity had the same surname as the gang boss.

A slightly bizarre *Open Space* (BBC2) had two Belfast university students going on record about "cultural identity". He is a *Spectator* reading Protestant whose model for conversation is the philosophy tutorial; she is a bilingual Catholic and staunch Nationalist. To the mainlander, it is an abiding wonder that the two factions of Ulster society can even agree to drive on the same side of the road. Sitting awkwardly in the back of a moving car, the two students managed to avoid each other's eyes for most of the programme. Romeo and Juliet it was not.

Martin Cropper

Goodbye to Gregory

Simon Banner talks to Bill Forsyth about his latest work, which shows at the London Film Festival tonight

Bill Forsyth grimaced slightly. "Charming, whimsical and — in America — cute, those are the words people constantly chose to label my films," said the Scottish director of *Local Hero and Gregory's Girl*. "I don't think they fit at all. I certainly hope not anyway."

There should at least be little danger of anyone applying those adjectives to *Housekeeping*, Forsyth's latest film. Set in the early Fifties in a town called Fingerbone, a lake-side community in the mountains of the Pacific Northwest, the visually striking *Housekeeping* tells a strangely inconclusive and sometimes discomforting story of two orphaned teenagers and their unconventional aunt. For all its abundant jokery, the film rigorously ignores the sentimentality that movie-makers tend to lavish freely upon orphans (inevitably wide-eyed), and spinsters (usually lovably eccentric), and even has a shockingly unexpected suicide.

"If you asked me to classify *Housekeeping*", Forsyth comments, "I'd probably impishly say it was a comedy, but I'm much more interested in the awkwardness of life than I am in adhering to the conventions of movie-making, and that suicide with the car going over a cliff is a case in point.

"I wanted it to make audiences catch their breath. The special effects team were baffled that I wouldn't film the sequence in exactly the same way they'd always shot similar sequences before, but I was determined to find a way of filming it which would make it violent and bleak, and establish the fact that the character is going to be dead, and that it's not being done for effect."

Forsyth first read Marilynne Robinson's novel of the same name when it was recommended to him by a friend in New York, and purchased the rights to it soon after. He wrote the screenplay for the film himself.

The people holding the purses in Hollywood, however, were less enthusiastic, and Forsyth spent the best part of two years looking for funds for the $5 million project. Disney were keen, and asked to look at the script as soon as it was ready. "They still haven't phoned back," Forsyth notes. Then came permutations involving Virgin, Hemdale, and "Swedish oil money", while Cannon remained interested so long as Diane Keaton was prepared to play the movie's central character, the batty Aunt Sylvie.

"Diane Keaton had her own attitudes to what a director is and what a star is," Forsyth says, "and she used to give me notes about the script. You know, about how she had ideas for little scenes, and how she could make Sylvie a lot more interesting, and why wasn't the sheriff younger, and why didn't he call on her more often . . . I didn't even resist those ideas. I ignored them, so I suppose she got uneasy. And then so did Cannon. We approached David Puttnam in panic. He saved *Housekeeping* rather like he saved John Boorman's *Hope And Glory* at about the same time."

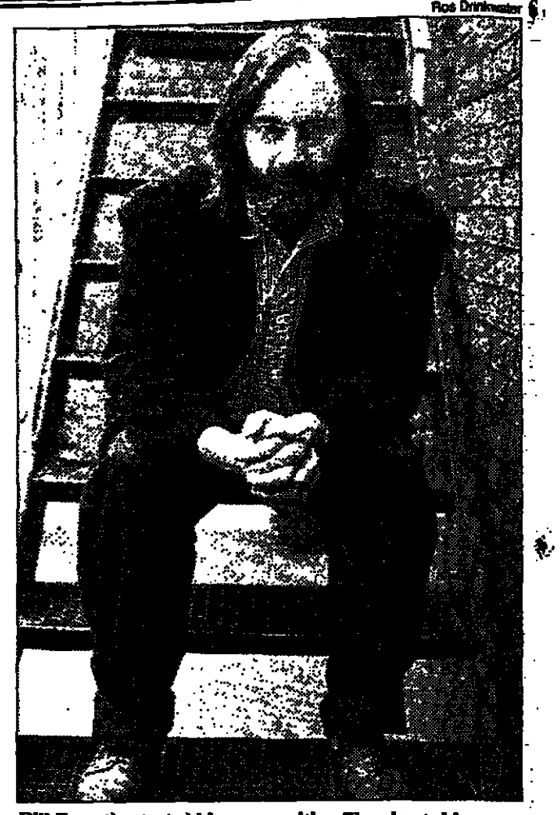
Forsyth, who was born in Glasgow in 1947, began his film career as an assistant cameraman. He moved on to direct a series of industrial films, including an apparently "especially good" one about chip-pan fires. Despite such seemingly modest beginnings, though, he says that his ambition to make feature films always seemed achievable.

Even so, *That Sinking Feeling*, made in 1977 with unemployed youngsters from Glasgow's Youth Theatre, and a budget of just a few thousand pounds, was the first feature film ever to be made in Scotland by a native Scot. In effect, it proved a useful trial run for the more ambitious *Gregory's Girl*, which won critical plaudits and healthy box-office returns around the world.

Forsyth's larger ambitions mean he must almost inevitably look outside Britain for funding, as he did for *Housekeeping*. The money for his next project — an adaptation of Dylan Thomas's *Rebecca's Daughter*, which will be filmed in Scotland — has come entirely from Germany and the United States.

"We'll have to see what happens to *Housekeeping*, but the memories of *Gregory's Girl* do help. You know, *Gregory's Girl* took about three years before it went into profit, which it really couldn't avoid doing because it only cost £200,000, but I'm sure not many people know that, not even in the film business. They just think of it as a successful film, and it's that perception which allows me to stagger on. The film business, you see, is all emotion, and very little fact. Rather like the Stock Market."

Ros Drinkwater



Bill Forsyth: started his career with a film about chip pans

By the nose to India

THEATRE

L'Indiade
Théâtre du Soleil
Paris

There is little need to ask the way to the Théâtre du Soleil. When you arrive in the woody wilds of Vincennes on the outskirts of Paris, simply follow your nose. Spicy wafts of this famous theatre cooperative's latest creation, *L'Indiade, ou L'Inde de leurs rêves*, lead the way through the one-time army training ground to the ancient shed, which since 1970 has been the home of the Théâtre du Soleil, founded by Ariane Mnouchkine 23 years ago and still one of France's most stimulating experimental groups.

Once inside, the rest of the senses are submerged in a cacophony of sounds that magically transport you to *India. In the auditorium*, lighting designer Jean-Noel Cordier's blazing Indian sunlight is softened by billowing canopies.

Guy-Claude Francois's design is not so much a décor, more a reconstructed environment. On this occasion, the customary *bousculade* for places, mimics India's teeming animation and members of the company mix with the audience, speaking in broken English.

In a setting that conjures up the overhung back streets of Delhi, the rest of the company assume the multi-racial faces of India between 1937 to 1948. *L'Indiade* recounts the turbulent and bloody years that led up to the partition of India. Written by Helene Cixous, it is a literary tapestry woven out of facts, brought vividly to life by the the whole company under the creative eye of Mnouchkine.

A lot of attention has been paid to physical resemblances to the principal protagonists in this bitter slice of contemporary history. Where the physical does not quite shape up, the psychological takes over. Georges Bigot is not quite the *doppelgänger* of Nehru, but his eyes and determination are those of the Indian Prime Minister. Andres Perez Araya, while spindly, lacks the deceptive, knarled fragility of Mahatma Gandhi; but the fire and childlike fervour that burn in Araya's interpretation are worthy of those that flamed within the pacifist guru.

This scrupulous attention to characterization is thrown into relief by Mnouchkine's Kabuki-like direction, which splits the events into a series of dramatic tableaux, each one identified by a series of symbolic props, set-up and dismantled on the run; the pace determined by Jean-Jacques Lemêtre's exemplary Indian musical score. Lemêtre's versatile trio also agitates the adrenalin during some well-executed civil war skirmishes.

The total enjoyment of *L'Indiade* is however, dulled by its excessive verbosity. A trait that, not for the first time, makes the work of Théâtre du Soleil shine less bright in the eyes of an audience, despite the excellence of the curry in the interval.

Diane Hill



Georges Bigot as Nehru



Prickly: Donna Summer

ROCK

Donna Summer
Royal Albert Hall

In the late Seventies, when the localized punk movement was *claiming the lion's share of* coverage in the music press, Donna Summer was leading a parallel revolution as the *unchallenged queen of disco. Her* sensual anthems forged a strange alliance between chrome and cocktail nightclub hipsters (including *significant* numbers from the gay community) and the holiday resort cum-Friday night on the tiles crowd. Her legacy can be seen clearly in the work of a group like the Communards, who have built up a sizeable catalogue of material based on the same pneumatic beat, glitzy neo-supper club arrangements and high, keening vocals.

Summer's own enthusiasm for the formula has diminished, and parts of her performance on Sunday were an attempt to wean her audience on to the adult orientated rock of her current album *All Systems Go*. The title track and "Jeremy", a dull ballad, made little impression, but much mileage was gained from the current hit, "Dinner With Gershwin".

Looking like a hastily-dressed Barbie doll in a purple taffeta party frock with a pink satin bodice and black lace leggings she established a prickly rapport with the audience, cracking odd jokes about Italians and the "strange" accents to be heard in England. Her supply of homilies about life when she was a little girl and the importance of "dreaming your dream" travelled badly, as American corn tends to do.

Still, with her seven-piece band and three backing vocalists she ploughed through *enough old hits — from* "Macarthur Park" to "She Works Hard for the Money" plus segues of "I Feel Love" with "Sunset People" and "Bad Girls" with "Hot Stuff" — to make sure her fans did not leave disappointed. Her clear powerful voice never faltered, but her sense of mission, now wrapped in a soft core quasi-religious zeal, has in musical terms deserted her.

David Sinclair

Breathless intensity

CONCERTS

Brian Ferneyhough
Huddersfield

Brian Ferneyhough is like one of those artists who invent *fantastic scripts and fill* whole volumes with hieroglyphs that nobody can decipher. His is an absurdism become decadence: in the face of a hopelessness about communication, the music plays on and on, awesome and even heroic in its continual racing after more and more total bewilderment.

Sunday night in Huddersfield provided the rare opportunity of being at once numbed and amazed for an hour, when his three *Time and Motion Studies*, written in the 1970s, were played consecutively for the first time. They *show the inappropriate* complexity of Ferneyhough's style carried to a point of unhinged musical glossolalia. First a bass clarinettist (Harry Spaarnay) streams breathless through ten minutes of almost non-stop excitability; then a cellist (Alan Brett) battles for more than twice as long against the obstacles of ferociously demanding notation and crudely demeaning electronic adjuncts; and finally 16 vocalists (London Sinfonietta Voices under Terry Edwards) whisper, groan and ululate through webs of unmeaning. Performances in these cases have to be judged not by the success with which they present some musical ideal but by the intensity of their unsuccess: in such terms the evening was triumphant.

Ferneyhough's more recent music has shown some backsliding into merely human forms of communication, and the trend is continued in his Third Quartet, played earlier in the day by the Arditti just a month after its Paris première. The first movement, in a stillness that keeps bursting towards activity, is beautiful, elegant and very nearly lucid in its motivic connections; the second is much more a race against time, but marked out by imitation and contrast. The language is still strange, but the letters are starting to look more familiar.

Paul Griffiths

Requiem for a glorious past

Philharmonia/ Giulini
RFH

The pall of yesteryear hung heavy over a concert which lived, moved and had its being very much in the past tense. The occasion was the thirtieth birthday of the Philharmonia Chorus.

An affectionately assembled exhibition commemorating the life of their much loved founder-chorusmaster, Wilhelm Pitz, stood guard in the foyer (it will be officially opened today by Elisabeth Schwarzkopf); and Carlo Maria Giulini, whose partnership with Pitz represented the golden age of the Chorus, returned to conduct them in the Mozart *Requiem*.

Much of the distinctive Philharmonia sound is still there: the sopranos' ability to breathe a sound into being; the alacrity of response which makes a line propulsive as well as incisive rhythmically; the rich, strong weave of the male voices.

The Chorus were indeed the glory of last night's performance, but even "glory" seems an overstated concept in a reading of such gently undulating contours, and of rhythms and tempi which can only be described as enervating.

Giulini seemed, in fact, overawed by the work; yet any sense of awe on the part of the audience was ruled out by the ill-assorted team of soloists who dragged the performance down to a level barely worthy of the occasion.

This was not, perhaps, the time, the place, or the work for Elizabeth Harwood, neither was she at all happy in the company of Anne Gjevang's trombone-like mezzo.

Peter Seiffert and Robert Lloyd between them contributed two further and differing styles of Mozart singing and phrasing: one began to flinch at every entry.

Mozart's Symphony No 39 was sepia-tinted, too. Giulini's restrained tempi and lovingly elided phrasing gave refreshing air for the woodwind to breath. But the Philharmonia are now programmed to expect a little more direct input from the baton, and much of the subtlety of Giulini's reading was lost.

Hilary Finch

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THE ARTS

Rich pickings among the poor

Hard Times
Manchester City Art Gallery

L.S.Lowry
Salford Art Gallery

Manchester City Art Gallery apparently had the greatest difficulty finding anyone to sponsor its new exhibition Hard Times: not glamorous enough, too depressing. Who wants his business to be associated with Victorian unemployment, famine, strikes and slums? In the end only the Fine Art Society was willing to step in, and though the show is entirely concerned with British art, it has been made viable in Manchester (its solitary British venue until January 10) only by the active co-operation of the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and the Yale Center for British Art.

It is sad that the private sector looks with favour only on the prettier picture, for *Hard Times* is an extremely important and eye-opening show, re-directing our attention to a whole long-neglected area of British art in the nineteenth century. By now practically every Victorian school of painting, except for the social realists, has seen a major revival of interest and dizzying climb in price.

This is no doubt why painters like Hubert von Herkomer, Frederick Walker, Frank Holl or Luke Fildes are hardly names to conjure with nowadays. Even Watts's major paintings on social subjects, such as "The Irish Famine" and "Found Drowned"(both included here) proved impossible to sell in his own lifetime.

It is understandable that the catalogue/book by the exhibition's organizer Julian Treuherz (itself an invaluable piece of original research and documentation) and his on-the-wall captions should be a little too defensive: there is sentiment, certainly, in such paintings as Thomas B. Kennington's "Widowed and Fatherless" (1888) or A.E. Mulready's "A Recess on a London Bridge" (1879), but not enough to warrant terms like "mawkish" and "maudlin".

There proves to be surprisingly little need for the defensive tone. In many respects the centre of the show, psychologically speaking, is to be found in the *Graphic*, which week by week, from 1869 on, published engravings on social topics of the day. It was these images of British labour and the British poor, captured by artists such as Fildes, Holl, Herkomer and Boyd Houghton, which so enthralled Van Gogh that he became an avid collector. (Many of the actual *Graphic* illustrations in the show are borrowed from his collection).

In the pages of the *Graphic* there was precious little easy sentimentality. Nor was there in the paintings which were the major occupation of its artists. Sometimes it is possible to think that the illustrations are superior to the paintings: with Herkomer, for example, one can often see a certain softening and weakening of the image if there is a correspondence, as between the oil study for the *Graphic* picture "Old Age – A Study in Westminster Union" and the finished painting "Eventide: A Scene in the Westminster Union", where everything is slurred and conventionalized. There is, however, no sloppiness in the Herkomer which gives the show its title, nothing to mitigate the bleakness of the itineram workers' lot on the wintry country road.

As well as bringing to light again these paintings with a clear social message, the show also finds some fascinating examples of, by the look of it, unweighted realistic observation, such as the little-known Eyre Crowe's lively image of disgracefully independent mill-girls "The Dinner Hour, Wigan" or his very curious "Convicts at Work, Portsmouth". There are also unfamiliar canvases which immediately captivate just as paintings, message or no, like Frederick Brown's exquisitely modulated "Hard Times" or John Henry Henshall's brilliant "Behind the Bar", a deliberate reversal (in attitude and physical viewpoint) of Manet's "The Bar at the Folies Bergères" in which the anti-anti-drink message is only one constituent of a sparkling, observation-packed whole.

Manchester City Art Gallery's much-criticized reconstruction of Lowry's sitting-room and studio *Mr Lowry at Home*, designed to mark the centenary of his birth points us naturally in the direction of Salford, where until November 29 the Art Gallery has the largest Lowry retrospective there has ever been or is ever likely to be. (Subsequently the show, in a somewhat reduced form, will tour to Middlesbrough, Coventry, Stoke-on-Trent, Exeter and finally the Barbican.) Possibly there is altogether too much: it depends how you look at it. Lowry, after all, was not exactly the most varied of artists, and quite frequently in this show you get the feeling that when you have seen one bleak, almost monochromatic townscape peopled by matchstick men you have seen them all.

However, against such heretical notions it must be observed that to the sympathetic eye this makes Lowry into a surprisingly modern figure, producing his variations on the same theme in much the way that recent artists like Warhol deliberately produce serial images. Also, there are undoubtedly unexpected elements. Not so much the academic figure-drawings from his student days (though it is interesting to know that he could do it if he wanted to), or even the mysterious later fetishistic drawings of girls in bondage to giant bows. But there are some astonishing almost abstract landscapes without figures, in which his eye for bizarre shapes and unexploited viewpoints in the heart of the everyday is strikingly in evidence. Also, it is illuminating to hear from his own lips (recordings of his voice are featured both here and in Manchester) that he considered pencil drawings in many ways harder work than oil paintings.

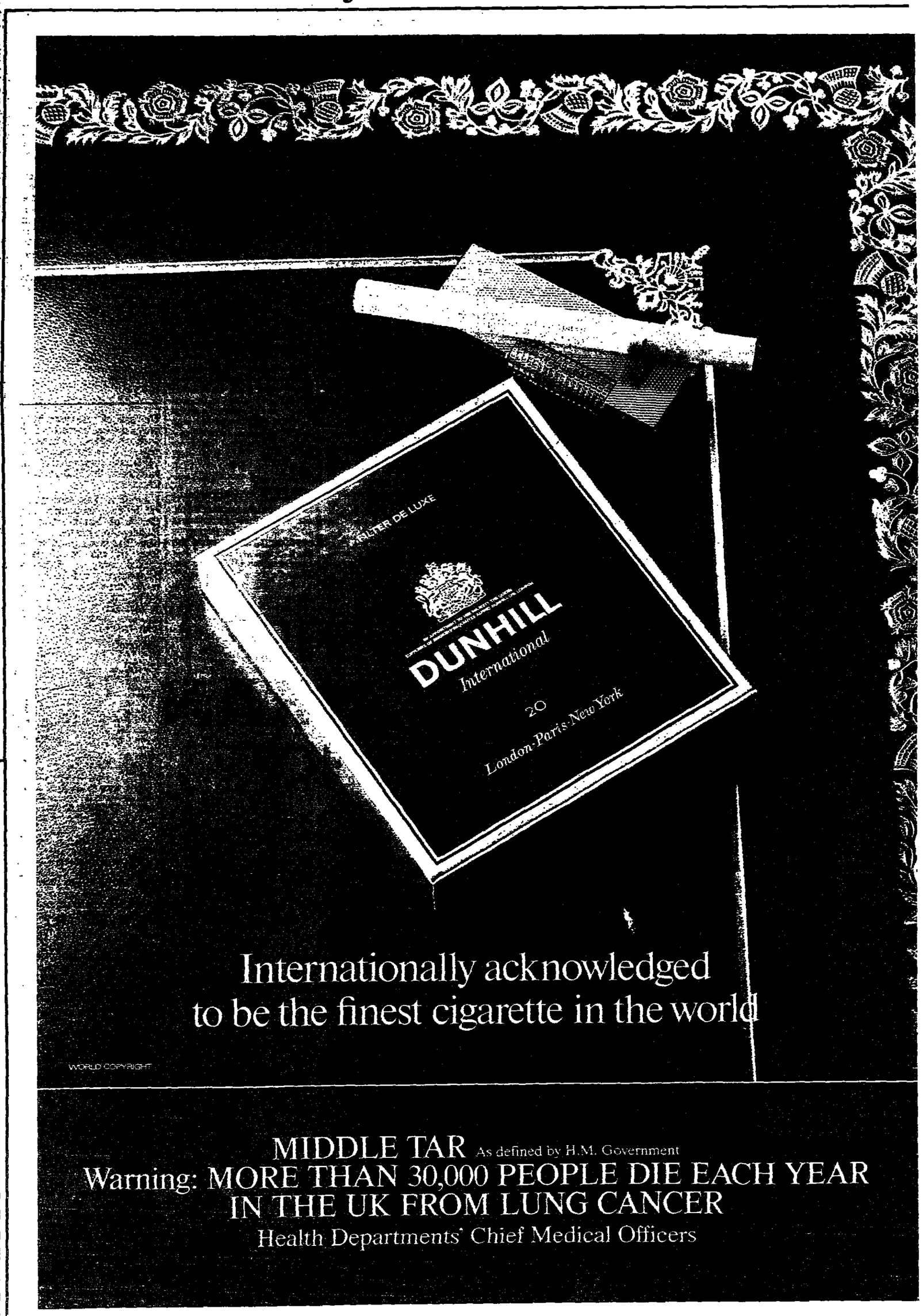
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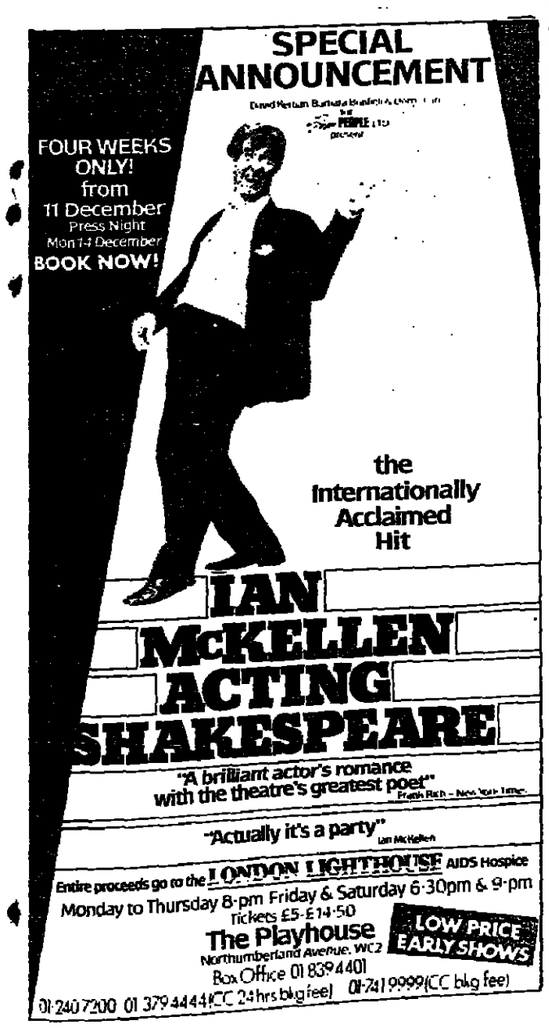




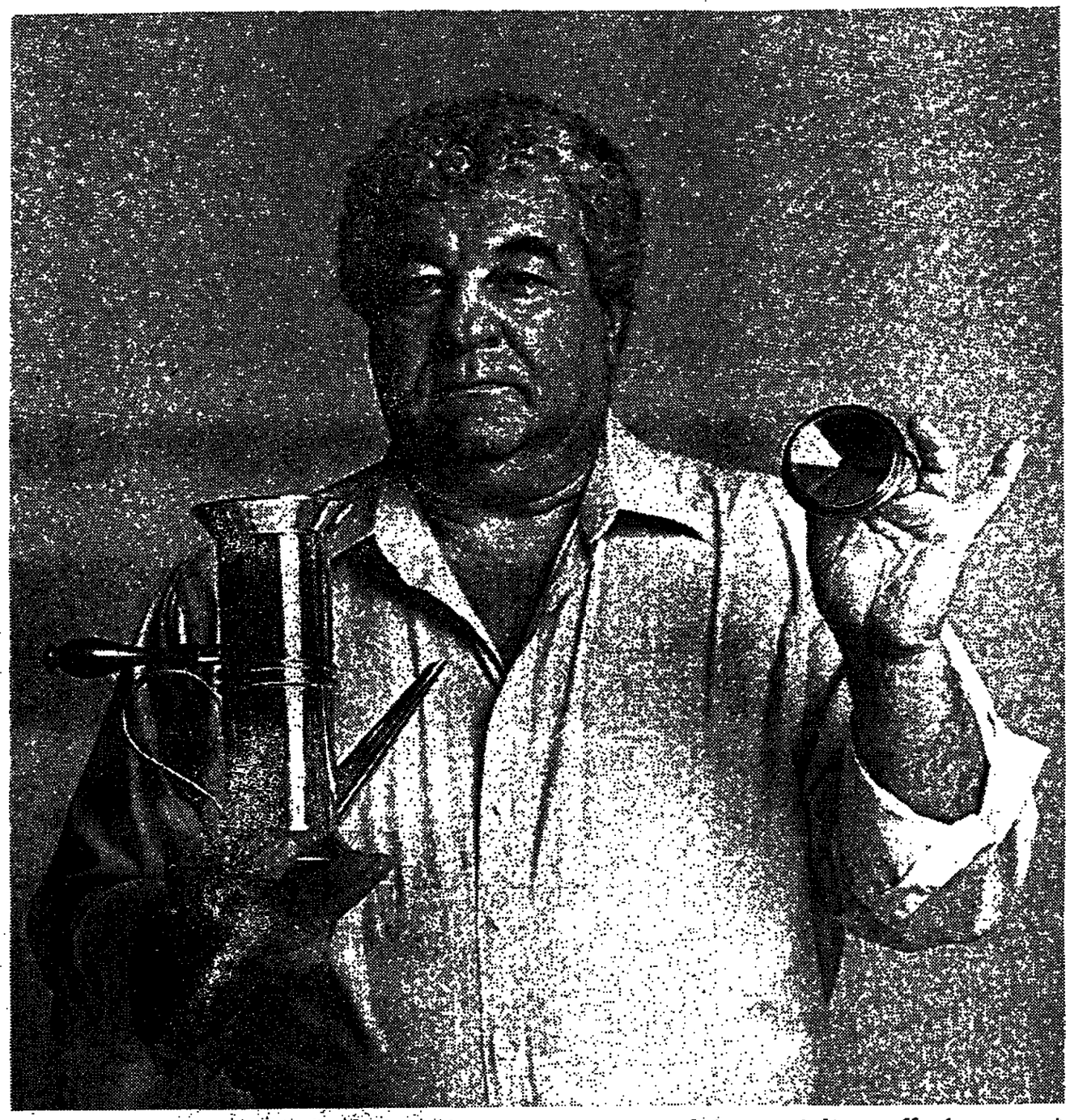
On the streets, on the road: Lowry's *A Fight (1935)* currently at Salford Gallery, and Hard Times, by Hubert von Herkomer, centrepiece of the *Hard Times* exhibition at Manchester

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It is not simply that the collection he has just shown in New York for Spring '88 has won critical acclaim and stands out in a frivolous season as being thoroughly modern, sharp and relevant. Nor is it the dazzling performance of his 80 Polo Ralph Lauren shops around the world and the success of his licences, which total $1.2 billion (£677 million) a year. In the middle of this triumphant year, Lauren had an operation to remove the cause of a persistent ringing in his ears: a brain tumour that was luckily benign. Back in business, this handsome, vigorous man says the experience transformed his whole attitude to life.

"I am now ahead of the game with an experience like that behind me," he says.

After a summer convalescing at his Colorado ranch, he is relishing city living. At the end of a working day that still starts with a five-mile run around Central Park, he finds time to see friends and attend dinner parties. Dressed in his customary well-worn jeans, cowboy boots and denim Levi shirt, Lauren appears to luxuriate in the pressures of running the international empire in which he personally holds 90 per cent of the shares.

"For years I thought I could not pack more into my life. I now feel the energy rushing through my blood," he says. "It is stimulating to make contact with people and important to keep in touch with those you love."

When Christian Lacroix was in New York, Lauren made a point of having lunch with him. "He is a bright designer. He has a good philosophy about life and a fine sensibility." Lacroix is a regular customer at Lauren's Paris shop in the Place de la Madeleine. Lauren is the only New York designer with a significant following on this side of the Atlantic. His first European shop opened in London's Bond Street six years ago; the newest opened in Geneva last month.

Lauren's office is lined with horsey paraphernalia, drawings by his three children and industry awards he has picked up.

Throughout his two decades in the industry, Lauren has been consistent in his commitment to an enduring style rather than trends. His anti-fashion ideals are squarely rooted in his romantic image of an aristocratic way of life, all Harris tweeds and velvet smoking jackets, saddle-soaped riding boots and monogrammed slippers, as well as his allegiance to western denims, patchworks and puritan flounces of his own American heritage.

His flouting of every fashion rule and his instinct for authenticity and quality have won him an ardent following — first in menswear and, since 1972, in womenswear, in both of which he varies reassuringly little from year to year. After a season of shows in which other designers seemed to address themselves to costuming women to look like porcelain dolls, Lauren's integrity in providing women with what they really want to wear shines through.

"I watch women," he explains. "I may not have been to design school but I must be doing something right. It is because I am the consumer and I design for myself. Other designers are in the fashion business. I feel I am creating a movie. I write the script through my clothes. I design the complete woman."

This season Ralph Lauren has clearly decided to rewrite his script and his classy looking heroine has been given a few costume changes. Skirts are shortened. Sugary colours have been added to his favourite neutrals of navy, white and khaki and petticoats have been glimpsed to pouffe out short dirndls in taffeta. But there are always the comforting flashbacks to the neat tweed jackets and pin-tucked tailored trousers, the T-shirts and silk or satin camp shirts that his heroine already has in her wardrobe and around which she can build her updated look for 1988.

"I love the look of a beautiful girl in a big shirt, leather jacket and jeans, but a woman needs to add to her wardrobe. I love romantic clothes but the time is right for a little more sophistication. I can still enjoy a mellowed old Rolls while driving a beautifully designed and technically advanced Porsche."

The car analogy emphasizes a new priority in Lauren's life. Although mysterious hints are made about a new career as a film producer, Lauren's newest passion is the pursuit of his early ambition to become a racing driver. He is taking lessons. "I have more energy today than ever before," he says. "I know I can do it all."

Above: The classic hacking jacket in honey and brown houndstooth tweed, £250; chocolate velvet jodphurs, £125; cream silk camp shirt, £235; paisley silk and wool square, about £60, from a selection; riding boots, £357

Left: The ultimate cashmere suit in brown and black herringbone; jacket, £496; skirt, £281; ivory silk camp shirt, £235; long suede gloves, £110; antique jewellery from a selection at Esther de Deo; tights, £7. All Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond Street, W1

Photographs by **Tony McGee**

Hair: Peter Forrester for Daniel Galvin. Make-up: Leanne Hirsh

Knee high and spry



The short skirt has high-kicked back into vogue its partner in any leggy line-up, the tall boot. In matt velvety suede or glossy calf, the high boot is the stylish and practical way to dress legs exposed by the new high hemlines. The smazziest reach above the knee, smartly stiffened with cuffs, often in fur. Others are allowed to slide down and wrinkle comfortably. Prices range from £70 for a pair of suede flats, to glossy waders at Manolo Blahnik or Maud Frizon at about £400.

1. Black thigh-high leather or suede boot, also in brown, fold-down cuff, £130, Hobbs branches. 2. Rhinestone-studded tan long boot with fur cuff, £195, Russell & Bromley branches. 3. Black suede boot, also in brown, £69, Pied à Terre, 14 Sloane Street, SW1; 33 Kings Road, SW3. 4. Thigh-high brown leather laced boot, £280, Johnny Moke, 396 Kings Road, SW10. 5. Black square-toed over-the-knee suede boot, also in red or brown, £149, Elizabeth Stuart-Smith at Midas, 27a Sloane Square, SW3.

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PEOPLE

Swept away

A glance through the pages of any recent international glossy would give a sense of the unstoppable pace and energy generated by the work of the fashion photographer Bill King, who sadly died last week in New York. A wind-blown girl in a carnival-coloured skirt barely stops in the mid twirl. Click. A gleaming vision wrapped in sables races down steps in high sandals and winks. Click. King may not have invented the running, laughing, windswept style of fashion photography (Avedon, among others, had used it before), but for two decades he was its most polished master both on the editorial pages of *Vogue* and *Bazaar* and on advertising spreads, most notably for Lancôme (with his friend and model Isabella Rossellini), Valentino, Hermès and Coveri. He displayed his skills in portraiture in a series of photographs of "legends" for Blackglama fur promotions, a talent which will be exposed in the portraits of dancers which he selected for a book on which he was working with Peter Adam, an author and television director. It will be a fitting tribute to his talent.

Cred spread

After Hardy Amies, Paul Smith is the British menswear designer with most international appeal. He has 10 shops in Japan and one in Manhattan, and tomorrow he celebrates the expansion of his retail empire along Floral Street in Covent Garden with a show at the Café Royal. Launched in his new shop will be the Paul Smith range of colognes and toiletries, which will also be available from Harrods and Paul Smith stockists across the country.

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BACK WITH A VENGEANCE:** Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the possums.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm. £6.50-£17.50.

☆ **BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT:** Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and others in Jeffrey Archer's courtroom drama.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm. £5-£13.50.

☆ **J J FARR:** Albert Finney and Bob Peck in new Ronald Harwood drama about a priest emerging from five months captivity as a hostage.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-5.10pm. £4-£12.50.

☆ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chichester.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.15pm. £5-£14.50.

☆ **NANA:** Shared Experience's production of Zola's tale of decadent abandon in turn of the century Paris.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £4-£7.

☆ **PETER PAN:** Barrie with music; George Cole with the hook, and Lulu flying us off to Never-Never-Land.
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm. £6.50-£14.50.

☆ **WAITING FOR GODOT:** Alec McCowen and John Alderton play Didi and Gogo in Beckett's first and greatest play.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Preview tonight 7.45-10.15pm, £5.50-£9. Opens tomorrow 7-9.30pm, £6-£13. Then in repertory.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ☆ **Guardian Angels:** Commissioned play by Julian Garner, set in Ireland and England between 1914 and 1966.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.20.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **Loot:** Patrick Barlow and Bernard Gallagher in revival of Orton's inimitably heartless comedy.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 624 2829). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.90.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** *Eddie Murphy repeats his* performance as the brazen Detroit cop on a job in Los Angeles. Tony Scott directs (103 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 2.30, 3.30, 4.45, 5.45, 7.00, 8.00, 9.15, 10.15.

■ **DIRTY DANCING (18):** Flimsy but energetic coming-of-age saga, with Jennifer Grey as the *headstrong girl losing her* innocence at a Borscht Belt resort. *With Patrick Swayze and Jerry* Orbach. Directed by Emile Ardolino (88 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 *5901). Progs 1.55, 4.05.*
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 2.00, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.

■ **HOPE AND GLORY (15):** John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the extraordinary days of the London blitz. Vivid, anecdotal; with Sebastian Rice-Edwards and Sammi Davis (113 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.20, 4.50, 7.30, 9.55.

MAURICE (15): Set during the First World War, E M Forster's novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the *suffering* Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love (140 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.20, 6.45, 9.10.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.35, 8.45.

■ **A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET III: DREAM WARRIORS (18):** The latest addition to the gory adventures of demonic Freddy Krueger. *Director is* Chuck Russell (96 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 6.20, 8.35.
☎ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50.

■ **ROXANNE (15):** *Cyrano de Bergerac* reworked by and for Steve Martin, as a fire chief whose nose seems to prevent true love. *With Daryl Hannah (107 min).*
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40, 11.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 6.00, 8.20.

■ **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (U):** Walt Disney's first animated feature, 1937, looking better than ever (83 min).
☎ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111). Progs 1.45, 4.30, 7.15.

GALLERIES

MR CARTWRIGHT'S PICTURES: *First showing as a collection for 81* paintings bequeathed to the gallery by actor, bookseller and publisher William Cartwright (1607-1686).
Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, London SE21 (01-693 5254), Tues-Sat 10-1pm, 2-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Feb 28.

VICTORIAN ENGRAVINGS: Engravings after important paintings by Leighton, Frith and others, which were often themselves masterpieces.
Maas Gallery, 15a Clifford Street, New Bond Street, London W1 (01-734 2302), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, free, *until Dec 4.*

CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION: Works by Ayrton, Craxton, Minton, Moore are among the festive offerings.
Christopher Hull Gallery, 17 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 0500), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Jan 9.

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Pots, textiles, jewellery, furniture.
Crafts Council Gallery, 12 Waterloo Place, London SW1 (01-930 4811). Tues-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Jan 3.

DAVID MACH: New works made *from china dogs and lengths of* bannister rail by an innovative Scottish sculptor.
Nicola Jacobs Gallery, 9 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 3868), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Dec 23.

HARD TIMES: Works by Herkomer, Holl and Fildes, among others, explore social realist themes in Victorian art.
City Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester (061 236 9422), Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Jan 10.

FRANCES HODGKINS (1869-1947): A tribute to a fine New Zealand-born painter.
Gillian Jason Gallery, 42 Inverness Street, London NW1 (01-267 4835), Tues-Sat 10.30-5.30pm, free, until Dec 5.

DANCE

☆ **JOHN SOMEBODY:** Rosalind Newman's creation for London Contemporary Dance Theatre is given with London premières of Siobhan Davies's *Red Steps* and *Hang-Up* by Jonathan Lunn and Anthony Minghella.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£10.50.

☆ **THE DREAM:** Ashton's comedy for the Royal Ballet with Birtley's Mozart ballet *Galanteries* and Robbins's uproarious *The Concert.*
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.15pm, £1-£30.

☆ **LA FILLE MAL GARDEE:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in Ashton's romantic comedy.
***Mayflower Theatre,** Commercial* Road, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.30-10pm, £4.50-£14.

★ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Schaufuss's somewhat overloaded production for London Festival Ballet.
Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, Bristol (0272 299444), 7.30-10pm, £4-£14.

ROCK

☆ **THE ALARM:** Now sounding a *bit like U2 in places, their post-punk* heroics have usually been a cut above the average.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334), 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **FLACO JIMINEZ BAND:** The renowned cajun accordionist who continues his long-time association with Ry Cooder on the latter's *Get Rhythm.*
Cricketers, Kennington Oval, London SE11 (01-735 3059), 8.30pm, £3.49.

☆ **WORKING WEEK:** A touch of funk, a little soul, a soupçon of gospel; all directed by the carefully poised singing of Juliet Roberts.
Bierkeller, All Saints Street, Bristol (0272 268514), 8pm, £4.50.





British engineering achievements of the last 150 years are celebrated in an exhibition, *Great Engineers,* at the Royal College of Art. There is strong and proper emphasis on the eminent Victorians — George Stephenson and his railways, the multi-talented Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Joseph Bazalgette (left), the unsung creator of London's sewerage system and Joseph Paxton (right) who designed the steel and glass Crystal Palace for the Great Exhibition. Souvenirs from the exhibition — mugs, peepshows, children's colouring books — which were gathered by a private collector are being shown in public for the first time. Coming into the 20th century, there are reminders of the Skylon which graced the Festival of Britain, the aviary at London Zoo and the Sydney Opera House. The story also takes in the Humber Bridge and North Sea oil rigs and looks to the future with the Channel Tunnel. The exhibits include photographs, lithographs, drawings and models. *Linked to* the exhibition are two series of lectures, one of them designed for children, which will run through December and January. *Great Engineers* is being opened today by the Duke of Edinburgh and the first public day is tomorrow. Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-584 5020), daily 10am-6pm, free. Until January 31. *Peter Waymark*

☆ **DENNIS BROWN:** Start of English tour by the rich-voiced Jamaican singer whose records are *never far from the reggae charts.* With Lloyd Parkes's We The People Band.
Studio, Frogmore Street, Bristol (0272 276193), 8pm, £5.

☆ **THE STYLE COUNCIL:** It is almost five years since the mighty Jam split up, leaving Paul Weller's bubblegum soul crew as its disappointing legacy.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081), 7.30pm, £9, for two nights.

JAZZ

☆ **ROGER KELLAWAY:** The American composer-pianist takes up a two-week residency at the newly-refurbished Hyde Park *corner venue.*
Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550), 8pm, £5.

☆ **PARIS REUNION BAND:** More than just an exercise in nostalgia, the all-star band of former *expatriates boasts some of the* finest bop players on the circuit, among them Joe Henderson and Woody Shaw.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8, (£2 for members).

☆ **CECIL TAYLOR:** The master of the avant-garde keyboard continues his British tour, in tandem with the contemporary classical pianist Roger Woodward.
Adrian Boult Hall, Paradise Place, Birmingham (021 236 3889), 8pm, £4.50.

OPERA

☆ **RIGOLETTO:** Jonathan Miller's *mafioso* production back in fine form at English National Opera, with John Rawnsley in the title role, Arthur Davies as the Duke and Anne Dawson as Gilda. Paul Daniel conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **HMS PINAFORE:** New Sadler's *Wells Opera tour Christopher* Renshaw's popular production.
Empire Theatre, High Street West, Sunderland (091 514 2517), 7.30-10.20pm, £3.50-£10.50.

☆ **LULU:** Scottish Opera's new production of Berg's complete opera, sung in English and conducted by John Mauceri.
Theatre Royal, 282 Hop Street, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£21.

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** Welsh National Opera's elegant new Twenties-style production, with Suzanne Murphy as the Rosalinde.
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.15-10.30pm, £7-£21.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **THREE TRIOS:** Clarissa Melville, Jane Hyland and Nadia Lasserson play trios for flute, cello and piano by Haydn, Weber and Martinů.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

☆ **ANOTHER TRIO:** The "From Russia with Lunch" series continues with the Burlington Trio performing Tchaikovsky's substantial Piano Trio Op 50.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 1.10-1.55pm, £3.

EVENING

☆ **ADEY/RCMS:** Christopher Adey conducts the Royal College of Music Sinfonia in Bartók's Orchestral Pieces Op 12 and Lutoslawski's Concerto for Orchestra. In Liszt's Piano Concerto No 2 the soloist is Paul Audwin Nasar.
Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 (01-589 3643), 7pm, free.

☆ **ALL BEETHOVEN:** The RPO is conducted by Christoph Eschenbach in Ludwig's *Egmont* Overture, Piano Concerto No 4 (Alexis Weissenberg, soloist) and Symphony No 3 "Eroica."
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £4-£20.

☆ **BOUGHTON/ESO:** The English String Orchestra plays Beethoven's *Grosse Fuge* and Walton's Sonata for Strings, both arrangements of string quartet pieces, and Michala Petri solos in a brace of Vivaldi *Recorder Concertos. William* Boughton conducts.
St George's, Charlotte Street, Brandon Hill, Bristol (0272 230359), 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **BMIC 20TH:** The series marking the BMIC's 20 years in Stratford Place continues with the pianist Raymond Clarke playing Bagatelles by Lutyens, Impromptus by Gerhard, Sonatas by Lennox Berkeley and Hoddinott, and much else.
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567), 7.30pm, free.

☆ **MENDELSSOHN/DEBUSSY:** Daniel Adni performs Mendelssohn's two best piano works, the *Variations sérieuses* and Fantasy-Sonata Op 28, going on to Debussy's *Deux arabesques, Suite bergamasque* and *Pour le piano.*
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.



Jack Brymer (above) and Maurice Murphy have together devoted many years to the LSO. Tonight at the Barbican Centre (see listing), they are appearing as soloists with the orchestra under Bramwell Tovey. Brymer, now retired from orchestral playing, will perform Mozart's Clarinet Concerto. Murphy, principal trumpet for 11 years and one of the orchestra's best-loved characters, takes on Haydn's Concerto. Overtures by Beethoven and Tchaikovsky complete the programme.

☆ **ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA:** Penelope Thwaites plays an unusual and interesting selection of pieces illustrating musical links between the Antipodeans and us. Among the composers represented are Bax and Arthur Benjamin, Grainger and Goossens, Scutthorpe and Cyril Scott, Rubbra and Reed.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £2.50-£4.50.

☆ **TOVEY/LSO:** See caption.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50-£12.50.

☆ **SINFONIETTA CELEBRATES:** Still celebrating its 20th anniversary, the London Sinfonietta is conducted by Simon Rattle in Bartók's Music for Strings, Percussion and Celeste and in Berg's Chamber Concerto.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £2-£9.

☆ **BABEL TOWER:** The Salomon Orchestra gives the London premiere of Lancaster's *The Tower of Babel,* following it with Elgar's "Enigma" Variations and *Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6* "Pathétique." The conductor is Nicholas Braithwaite.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 8pm, £3.50-£5.

TALKS

WHERE DO POEMS COME FROM?: Roy Fisher reads and discusses his own poetry.
Regent's College, Knapp Gallery, Regent's Park, London NW1 (01-482 9712), 6.30pm, free.

DENTAL HEALTH: An expert offers guidelines and simple measures to insure healthy teeth and gums.
University College London, Darwin Theatre, Gower Street, London WC1, 1.15pm, free.

GOTHIC ENGLISHNESS: Dr Paul Crossley of the University of Manchester discusses the "Englishness" of English Gothic architecture.
Royal Academy of Arts, Reynolds Room, Burlington House, London W1, 1pm, free.

CAN TALKING CURE?: A R Nicol, professor of Child Psychiatry gives the inaugural lecture.
Leicester University, Bennett Lecture Theatre 1, 5.15pm, free.

WALKS

INTERIORS OF BYGONE LONDON: meet Temple tube, 11am. £3.

POLITICAL LONDON: meet Embankment tube, 11.30am, £2.50.

THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHARLES DICKENS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.50.

OLD COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3.

EAST END MURDER WALK: meet Tower Hill tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

OTHER EVENTS

LONDON DOLL AND FURNITURE SALE: Second sale at London's new auction house includes a large collection of early 20th century Gotham Head dolls. Also late 19th century European bisque dolls, Chinese and Staffordshire pottery and Victorian pine furniture.
Rosebery's Islington, 3 & 4 Hardwicke Street, London EC1 (01-837 3418) 7pm. Viewing 10am-5pm.

SEAS AT RISK: Public rally organized by Seas At Risk — a campaign concerned with human damage to the oceans. Speakers include Jonathon Porritt, director of Friends of the Earth, Jim Slater, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen and Beate Weber, MEP.
Royal Commonwealth Hall, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2. Tonight 8pm, free.

FLOWER SHOW: Last of the RHS shows this year with late apple and pear, ornamental plants and orchid society of Great Britain competitions.
RHS Halls, Vincent Square, London SW1 (01-834 4333). Today 11am-7pm, £2, tomorrow 10am-5pm, £1.

FIRST READERS: Discussion evening with Liz Waterland, a *leading exponent of learning to* read from "real books".
Hexagon Theatre, Midland Arts Centre, Birmingham (021 440 3838), 7pm, £1.

CITY OF LONDON ANTIQUES FAIR: First major antiques fair to be held in the City for 10 years. 149 dealers and *most items to pre-1860* datelines, all vetted. Furniture and fine art, silver, jewellery, clocks, barometers, pottery, porcelain, glass and Victorian kitchenware.
Barbican Exhibition Halls, Beech Street, London EC2 (01-588 8211). Tues-Fri 11am-8pm, Sat 11am-4pm. £4 (inc catalogue).

CHRISTIE'S SALES: At 10.30am a postal history sale includes Pioneer Airmail covers from Great Britain and Europe and a collection of post-cards and ephemera relating to the 1912 Daily Mail Aeroplane Circuit. Also at *10.30am and* 2.30pm English and continental glass; and Indian, Islamic and South East Asian manuscripts, miniatures and works of art.
Christie's, 8 King Street, St James's, London SW1 (01-839 9060).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

CHRISTMAS WITH SCOTTISH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA: Carols from *The Messiah* to *The Nutcracker,* conducted by Iain Sutherland, plus Ron Goodwin's Christmas show from *The Snowman* and film and TV themes. Concerts at Edinburgh, Glasgow and Falkirk (Dec 18, 19, 22, 23 *and Jan 3).*
SNO, 3 La Belle Place, Glasgow (041 332 7244).

TWO BY TWO: Lunchtime recitals series features Howard Shelley and Fou Ts'ong performing works by Chopin and Debussy. Jan 26 — *March 1.*
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002). Advance booking open. General booking Dec 1/2.

THE MAKING OF A GOTHIC CHURCH: Series of practical workshops on planning, design and construction of medieval Gothic Church. Dec 12-13. Part of *Age of Chivalry* exhibition on Plantagenet England.
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052).

LAST CHANCE

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WORD-WATCHING

answers from page 24

ALGORITHM
(a) Computing jargon: a set of well-defined rules for solving a problem in a finite number of steps.
RIVELLING
(a) Painting jargon: the development of wrinkles in paint as it dries; etymology obsc., perhaps cognate with ravel.
LOCCOL
(c) Scifi jargon: acronym for Letters of Comment Column; most letters to obsessive fan mags comment on the fiction of other fan letters:
RABBIT
(a) (b) and (c).
COWABUNGA
(b) Cry of exultation made by surfers on Bondi Beach when they meet a big wave.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	**China In Your Hand**	T'Pau, Siren
2	(2)	**Got My Mind Set On You**	George Harrison, Dark Horse
3	(3)	**Whenever You Need Somebody**	Rick Astley, RCA
4	(4)	**Never Can Say Goodbye**	Communards, London
5	(9)	**So Emotional**	Whitney Houston, Arista
6	(6)	**The Time of My Life**	Medley/Warnes, RCA
7	(5)	**My Baby Just Cares For Me**	Nina Simone, Charley
8	(14)	**Criticize**	Alexander O'Neal, TABC
9	(11)	**Here I Go Again**	Whitesnake, EMI
10	(25)	**Letter From America**	Proclaimers, Chrysalis

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(–)	**Whenever You Need Somebody**	Rick Astley, RCA
2	(1)	**Bridge of Spies**	T'Pau, Siren
3	(3)	**The Best of UB40 Vol I**	UB40, Virgin
4	(2)	**All The Best!**	Paul McCartney, Parlophone
5	(–)	**You Can Dance**	Madonna, Sire
6	(4)	**Tango In The Night**	Fleetwood Mac, Warner Brothers
7	(6)	**The Singles**	Pretenders, Real
8	(5)	**Faith**	George Michael, Epic
9	(–)	**Floodland**	Sisters of Mercy, Merciful REL
10	(8)	**Best Shots**	Pat Benatar, Chrysalis

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ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Tom'l 7.45 **LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Bramwell Tovey (cond/piano).

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax All.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in In Love at 40 (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Neighbours (r). **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by Play School (r), and Pinny's House (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. A thought for the day from Barry Foster **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. Among the guests are the star of *A Perfect Spy*, Peter Egan, and the serial's producer, Colin Rogers; and Desmond Wilcox with two of the men featured in his programme on Aids.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live with Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Ross Davidson **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30** Neighbours. Madge cooks dinner for Jack but is surprised by the topic of conversation. **1.50** Going for Gold. Quiz series presented by Henry Kelly **2.15** Knots Landing. Gary makes a momentous decision and receives the shock of his life.
3.00 Eamonn Andrews: The Story of "This Is Your Life". A repeat of the *Did You See. . ?* special that went behind the scenes of *This Is Your Life*, in tribute to the programme's late presenter. **3.25** The Clothes Show includes a visit to Stirling and a chat to Mary Quant. Presented by Selina Scott and Jeff Banks.
3.50 Fireman Sam **4.05** Henry's Cat (r). **4.15** Simon and the Witch. Episode four. **4.35** Record Breakers includes an attempt on the fastest wheel change. Introduced by Roy Castle.
5.00 Newsround **5.10** Grange Hill. Episode 17 (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Masterteam 87. Quiz game for teams.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Divided We Stand. Comedy series starring Anna Keaveney and Shaun Curry as an unhappily married couple. (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. Den receives a visitor with a dodgy proposition; Rod tries to find Mary after her meeting with the social worker; and Willmott-Brown makes a decision that doesn't find favour with Angie. (Ceefax)
8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. Clegg, Compo and Seymour decide to mark the death of an old school friend (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 The Lenny Henry Show. Comedy series. The guest is Clive Lloyd. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.30 International Snooker. Fifth round action in the Tennents UK Championship, introduced by David Vine from the Guild Hall, Preston.
10.15 Cry Freedom: The Inside Story. (see Choice)
11.05 International Snooker. A further visit to the Guild Hall, Preston, the venue of the Tennents UK Championship.
12.10 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax. **9.52** Daytime on Two: children examine light and dark. **10.15** Part nine of a ghost story **10.38** Investigating science **11.00** Drums and drumming **11.10** Wondermaths **11.35** Maths investigations **12.00** Statistics **12.20** Textiles — colouring **12.50** Microtechnology **1.20** For the young **1.38** Alternative technology **2.00** News and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year olds.
2.20 See Hear (r) **2.45** Blizzard's Wooden Toys. In this first of a new series, Richard Blizzard constructs a model Sopwith Camel Biplane.
3.00 News and weather followed by International Snooker. The last two fifth round matches in the Tennents UK Championship **3.50** News, regional news and weather.
4.00 It's My Pleasure. Thora Hird talks to Desmond Lynam about her favourite television moments.
4.35 International Snooker. A further visit to the Guild Hall, Preston. **5.30** Film 87 (r).
6.00 No Limits. Rock music programme presented this week from the Yorkshire Dales.
6.50 Rally Report. Day three of the Lombard RAC Rally.
7.00 Open to Question. A studio audience of young people question pop musician Billy Bragg.
7.35 Rockschool. Part six of the series on making music in a rock band.
8.00 Food and Drink includes an item on tipping and the recipe for home-made ginger beer.
8.30 Brass Tacks: Fag Ends. How far should measures to protect non-smokers go?
9.00 Entertainment USA. Jonathan King goes north to Canada and visits Vancouver.
9.30 Footsteps. David Drew follows in the footsteps of American explorer Hiram Bingham who, in 1911, discovered the spectacular ruins of Machu Picchu in the Peruvian Andes. (Ceefax)
10.20 Rally Report. Highlights of the third day of the Lombard RAC Rally. (Ceefax)
10.45 Newsnight **11.30** Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Heather Scott and Richard Keys. News at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55**. After Nine includes a discussion on body massage, with Clare Maxwell-Hudson.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines **10.30** The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
11.10 Rainbow. Puppet series **11.25** Thames news headlines **11.30** About Britain. A portrait of 72-year-old Dorset farm-worker Charlie Pitcher **12.00** Jimmy's. A visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50** Thames news.
1.00 Reilly — Ace of Spies. The philandering secret agent marries his third wife (r). (Oracle) **2.00** Cross Wits. Word game presented by Tom O'Connor.
2.30 Jancis Robinson Meets the Earl of Stradbroke, an Australian with 12 children **3.00** Farmhouse Kitchen. Grace Mulligan's guest is Jill Myers of the British Diabetic Association **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** The Young Doctors.
4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 11.10 **4.15** The Telebugs **4.25** Emu's Wide World with Rod Hull.
5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news.
6.30 The Roxy. Pop music programme presented by David Jensen and Kevin Sharkey. Among tonight's guests are Paul McCartney and Labi Siffre.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Ruth discovers she has competition for Joe's affections.
7.30 Reporting London. Bill Wigmore reports on London's Chinese community's claims of harassment and Lisa Davidson examines a new scheme to train school leavers for industry.
8.00 All at No 20. Comedy series starring Maureen Lipman.
8.30 Benny Hill. Highlights from the comedian's earlier series' (r).
9.00 Boon. A large wedding reception is booked in at the Coaching Inn but the bride's family bring more than Harry had bargained for. Starring Michael Elphick.
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 Tahiti Witness. A documentary about victims of France's nuclear tests on Moruroa atoll in the Pacific.
11.30 Ice Skating. The Tuborg International British Figure Skating Championships, introduced by Nick Owen
12.30 Film: The Things of Life (1969) starring Michel Piccoli and Romy Schneider. Drama about a man who has everything, including the obligatory mistress with whom his relationship has reached crisis point. Directed by Claude Sautet.
2.00 Nashville Swing featuring Marvel Felts.
2.30 News headlines followed by Three's Company. Comedy series.
3.00 Film: Disaster on the Coastliner (1979) starring Lloyd Bridges, Raymond Burr and Yvette Mimieux. A crazed computer genius programs two superliner trains on a collision course on the 400 mile stretch between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Directed by Richard Sarafian.
5.00 ITN World News **5.30** CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00**.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily. Business and financial news service presented by Susannah Simons.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. For the young.
1.00 Autocare. The last programme in the Open College's series on car maintenance. (Oracle)
1.30 Make it Count. Fred Harris discusses metric units. Last in the series (r). (Oracle)
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Film: Steamboat Bill Jr (1928, b/w) A silent comedy starring Buster Keaton as the wimpish son of a steamboat owner who becomes involved in a feud with a riverboat rival. Directed by Charles F Reisner.
3.35 Man and His World. Cartoon.
3.45 Years Ahead. This week's edition of the magazine programme for the older viewer includes a report from Florida on the lifestyle of two English ladies living in Sun City, a retirement community.
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Derry Dinkin from Cobham, Surrey.
5.00 Bewitched. Vintage American comedy series.
5.30 Kids' Kafe. Healthy eating for children series (r).
6.00 Quilts in Women's Lives. Portraits of seven United States quilt makers (r).
6.30 World Alive: Spain. The red-legged partridge and its enemy, the partridge eagle (r).
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Sue Carpenter.
7.50 Comment and Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Bobby and Sheila go to York to meet Debbie. (Oracle)
8.30 Moneyspinner. Personal financial advice series.
9.00 Hot House People. The second of four films about the enhancing of mental faculties of average people. (Oracle)
10.00 American Football.
11.15 Just For Laughs. Ruby Wax is one of the contributors in this excerpt from the Montreal festival of humour.
11.45 Film: The Mail Van Murder (1957, b/w) Scotland Yard investigates the shooting of a Post Office worker. Directed by John Knight.
12.15 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.30**.

The film of the film

TELEVISION CHOICE

● **Cry Freedom: The Inside Story** (BBC1, 10.15pm) is a location report from Zimbabwe on Sir Richard Attenborough's film about Steve Biko. What goes on behind the making of a movie is often as interesting as the finished product. Several good books have been written on the theme, including Lillian Ross's *Picture* which remains a classic anatomy of Hollywood wheeler-dealing. No doubt similar battles and compromises occurred over *Cry Freedom*, but if they did we hear little about them tonight, save that on a visit to South Africa to research the film Attenborough was branded a tool of Moscow and was nearly roughed up by right-wing louts in a gents' loo. We do hear a lot about the logistics of rounding up 20,000 people to act the mourners for the Biko funeral sequence, but after Attenborough's crowd scenes for *Gandhi* this must have been chicken feed. Kevin Kline, the American actor cast as the journalist Donald Woods, grapples with the South African accent. The real Donald Woods is on hand to *put him right*. There are glimpses of Attenborough in action, prompting this tribute from the executive producer, Terry Clegg: "He can coax a performance out of a block of wood — and we have worked with quite a few tree trunks over the years". Sweating under a straw hat, Sir Richard is benign and expansive. He says that every shot and every sequence has the same tension as a first night in the theatre — a curious remark since, in the theatre, there are no re-takes. Jo Wright's film about a film is consistently watchable and stops decently short of being a PR job. But it could have had so much more to say about the way films are set up and made.

Peter Waymark



Sir Richard Attenborough directing the Steve Biko funeral sequence in his film Cry Freedom: BBC1, 10.15pm

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on *VHF (see below)*
News on the half-hour from **6.30** am until **8.30** pm, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30** am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith with Round Britain Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** pm Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00** am As Radio 2 **10.00** pm As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00** am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on *VHF (see Radio 1)*
Sports Round-Up **8.50** am *4.00 am Colin Berry* **5.30** *Ray* Moore (from Edinburgh, for Children in Need) **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Esther Rantzen **1.05** pm David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn (Children in Need auction, including Phantom of the Opera tickets) **7.00** *Jazz Classics in Stereo. (21)* Small is Beautiful **7.30** The Radio Orchestra Show, presented by Steve Race **10.00** Tunes the Backers Whistled, with Dick Vosburgh **10.30** The Name's the Game **11.05** Brian Matthew **1.00** am Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT
6.00 am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Future for the Past **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Tech Talk **8.30** From the Proms '87 **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News, Sports Roundup **9.45** Music for a While **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Sports International **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Waveguide **11.25** Letter from Scotland **11.30** Londres Medi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Organists of Paris **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Omnibus **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter from Scotland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News **9.01** Natural Selection **9.10** Book Choice **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from Scotland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Drop of the Irish **11.30** Tell Me, Mr Smith **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Report on Religion **1.45** Country Style **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** A-Z of Hollywood **2.30** Citizens **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Discovery **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Smetana (Vltava, Ma Vlast: Israel PO under Walter Weller). Johann Strauss (Blue Danube waltz: Vienna PO and State Opera Chorus under Willi Boskovsky). Fauré (Barcarolle No 1: Paul Crossley, piano). Dyson (the cantata Sweet Thames Run Softly: Stephen Roberts, baritone, with RPO and Royal College of Music Chamber Choir under David Willcocks)
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Haandel (Suites in D and G: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord). Finzi (A Severn Rhapsody: LPO under Sir Adrian Boult). Palmgren (Piano Concerto No 2: Tatenjo, with Helsinki PO under Jorma Panula)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Duffay, Hilliard Ensemble under Paul Hillier perform the Missa l'homme armé; Kyrie; Gloria; Sanctus; and Agnus Dei
9.40 Scandinavian Sagas: Philharmonia under Askenazy play Sibelius's En Saga. Danish RSO under Blomstedt play Nielsen's Saga-Drom, Dream of Gunnar; and Gothenburg SO under Neeme Jarvi play Sibelius's Pohjola's Daughter
10.25 Bartok String Quartet: Bartok's Quartet No 5, and Tchaikovsky's Quartet in D, Op 11
11.25 Chopin and Szymanowski: Nelly Ben-Or (piano) plays Chopin works including mazurkas from Op 7, 24, 17 and 68 and Szymanowski mazurkas from Opus 50 and 62
12.05 Scottish National Orchestra, under Alexander Gibson. With Salvatore Accardo (violin). Part one. Wagner (Overture: Venusberg music from Tannhauser), and Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2)
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Concert: part two. Dvorak's Symphony No 8
1.45 Guitar encores: Roberto Aussel plays works by Piazzolla (Compadre,Five Pieces), Hector Ayala, Banqui Pinero (milonga del tiempo y naupa), and arrangements by Barbosa-Lima and Llobet of Scarlatti works
2.05 Austrians and their Neighbours: Berlin Philharmonic under Pfitzner play his Symphony No 2; Austrian Radio Symphony Orchestra under Zagrosek play Reger's A Romantic Symphony and Karl Amadeus Hartmann's Gesangszene. Kurt Germann is the soloist in the Cor Anglais Sonata, with Richard Lanyon on the piano
3.25 Leonard Rose: the cellist in recordings of Beethoven's Trio in D Op 70 No 1 (with Stern and Istomin), and the Beethoven Triple Concerto (with Stern and Istomin, and Cleveland Orchestra under Szell)
4.30 Debut: Charles Naylor (baritone), with Michael Dussek (piano). Songs by Schumann (including Wer wie sein Brod, and Wer sich der Einsamkeit ergibt), Duparc (La Manoir de Rosemonde, and La Vie anterieure), and Wolf (Fussreise; In der Frue; Abschied)
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Jeremy Siepmann
6.55 News bulletin
7.00 Gothic Voices: 13th and 14th Century Italian, French and English music. With Christopher Page (lute)
7.30 Raisel: play by Peter Tegel, with James Laurenson, Lynn Farleigh and Pauline Letts. It is about illnesses that put family relationships to the test. (see Choice)
9.00 Tchaikovsky: BBC Scottish SO under George Hurst play the Symphony No 5
9.50 East of Vienna: Nash Ensemble with Adrienne Czengery (soprano). Part one. Bartok (Contrasts for violin, clarinet and piano), Kodaly (Enekszo Fragments, Op 1, Nos 1,2,3,6,7,9) Kurtag (Karolyi Army Songs, Op 22), and Liszt (Elegie No 1 for cello, piano, harp and harmonium)
10.35 Words: a talk by Lord Rawlinson (r)
10.40 East of Vienna: part two. Bartok (Songs Op 16, Nos 2, 4, and 5) and Brahms (Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op 115)
11.35 First Night: London Contemporary Dance Theatre production of Rosalind Newman's John Somebody at Sadler's Wells is assessed by Alastair Macaulay
11.45 Telemann: Reinhard Goebel (violin), Phoebe Carrai (cello) and Andreas Staier (harpsichord) play the Sonata in F for violin and basso continuo
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown



Hugh Pollard as Simon, and Elizabeth Spriggs as the witch in Simon and the Witch, on BBC1, 4.15pm

VARIATIONS

Frankenstein: True Story **2.45** Contact **3.15** News. Jobfinder.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** North Tonight **6.35** Crossroads **7.00** Take The High Road 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 12.30am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** Granada Reports **5.30-6.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25-6.30** This Is Your Right **7.30-8.00** Connections **12.30am** Close.

HTV WEST As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **6.00** News **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As *HTV West* except:**6.00pm-6.35** Wales At Six.

SCOTTISH As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** Scotland Today **6.35** Crossroads **7.00** Take the High Road **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **12.30am** Late Call, Closedown.

TVS As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00** Questions **1.30** Country Practice **2.00** Sullivans **2.25-2.30** Emergency 999 **3.00** Ask No Questions **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30** Emmerdale Farm **7.00** Frocks on the Box **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **12.30am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **5.00-5.30** Northern Life **7.30-8.00** Easy Street **12.30am** Learning From Children, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** Newstime **3.30-4.00** Survival **6.00** Six Tonight **6.20** Prenew **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **12.25am** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **3.30-4.00** Country Practice **6.00** Calendar **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **12.30am** Jobfinder 1.30 **Closedown.**

S4C Starts:**9.30am** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Countdown **1.00** Open College **1.30** Make it Count **2.00** Heritage **3.00** Marco Polo **4.00** Ffalabalam **4.15** Rebecca **4.30** Hafoc **5.00** Bewitched **5.00** Brookside **5.30** Cosby Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Awyr Iach **8.00** Lou Grant **9.00** Dhirod Dyfed **9.40** Aryddion Ffyrdd **10.10** Siwrsar **10.50** Winds of Change, Winds of Love **12.00** Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today (day two of the celebrations marking the 30th anniversary of the programme), incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.20** Your Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News bulletin
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care
10.30 Morning Story. Serious Bunny, written and read by Barry Davis
10.45 Daily Service: (New Every Morning, page 118) (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens: the first of this week's two instalments. Today: Coming Out in the Wash (part one)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent. Reports from BBC reporters based overseas
11.50 Tales of the Loch: Bruce Sandison talks of fishing, wildlife and history with Christopher Lowell. Today: High and Low in Angus
12.00 News; You and Yours: presented by John Howard
12.25 Round Britain Quiz: Irene Thomas and Eric Korn challenge Maurice Hayes and Paddy Fitzpatrick. The regular questionmasters are Gordon Clough and Louis Allen **12.55** Weather
1.00 News, and The World at One. Presented by Nick Worrall
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: with Jenni Murray. Includes an interview with Professor Susan McKenna-Lawlor, a contributor to Britain's and America's space programmes, who is also a world authority on solar flares
3.00 News; Play: Sauce by Sue Teddern. With Jack May (as the restaurant critic), Avril Clark (as the manageress of a newly-opened restaurant) and Sue Broomfield (as the new "temp") heading the cast. (see Choice) (s)
3.32 Comparing Notes: Richard Baker talks to the soprano Teresa Cahill
4.00 News bulletin
4.05 In Business. A critical look at US export regulations. With David Lomax and Paddy Ashdown, MP, who has some harsh things to say about the American policy.
4.30 Kaleidoscope: a second chance to hear last night's edition which included comment on Richard Attenborough's new film Cry Freedom; Past and Present, at Birmingham City Art Gallery; and last night's Radio 4 production of Graham Greene's play The Potting Shed (r)
5.00 PM **5.50-5.55** Shipping Forecast. **5.55** Weather.
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Dial M for Pizza: Comedy sketch series with Robert Bathurst, Brenda Blethyn, Mike Grady and Jonathan Kydd
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: with reporter Max Easterman
8.00 The Radio Programme: Guide to good listening presented by Laurie Taylor
8.30 While the Instruments Played: Michael Berkeley explains how St Cecilia became the patron saint of music (r)
9.15 In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped
9.45 Kaleidoscope: presented by Michael Schmidt. Items include the book The New York Trilogy; and a feature about the Turner Prize (includes interviews with the winner and with Catherine Lampert)
10.15 A Graham Greene Anthology: The End of the Affair, (7). The readers are Kika Markham and Julian Glover **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: presented by Alexander MacLeod
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Time and Tune **11.20** Time to Move **11.40** Pictures in Your Mind (Stories) **1.55-3.00** pm For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** History Lost and Found **2.25** Mainstream GCSE **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10** am Schools Night-Time. Deutsch fur die Oberstufe **12.30** 3: Das Leben im Alltag **12.50** 4: Berlin — 750 Jahre alt

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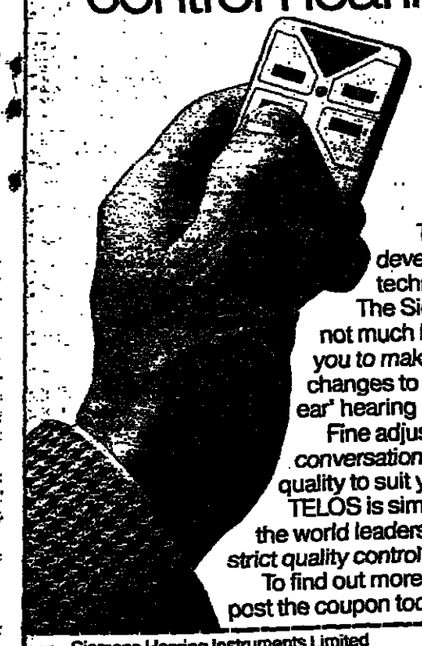
Jack May: Sauce, on Radio 4, at 3.00pm

● On the face of it, there would appear to be absolutely nothing in common between today's two drama offerings, Peter Tigel's **Raisel** (on Radio 3, 7.30pm) — a sombre tale of how the death of an Auschwitz survivor affects the lives of an *ill-matched married couple* — and Sue Teddern's **Sauce** (Radio 4, 3.00pm), an amusing trifle about a restaurant dinner for two with sexual trimmings. And yet, there *is* a link of sorts because both have to do with self-indulgence, a personality flaw that has redeemed many worse plays than these two. Textually and plot-wise, *Raisel has some bumpy passages* and once or twice leans too heavily on the kind of ambiguity that can be frustrating for the listener who, lacking the cassette playback advantage that I have as a reviewer, has to try to make sense of the thing at one sitting. In contrast, *Sauce* is totally unambiguous. Jack May's restaurant critic hopes that the office temp (Avril Clark) *he has invited out to* dine with him will provide him with an extramural course, while, in the kitchen, Sue Broomfield's flagrantly adulterous manageress is cooking up something extra-marital with the waiter.

Peter Davalle

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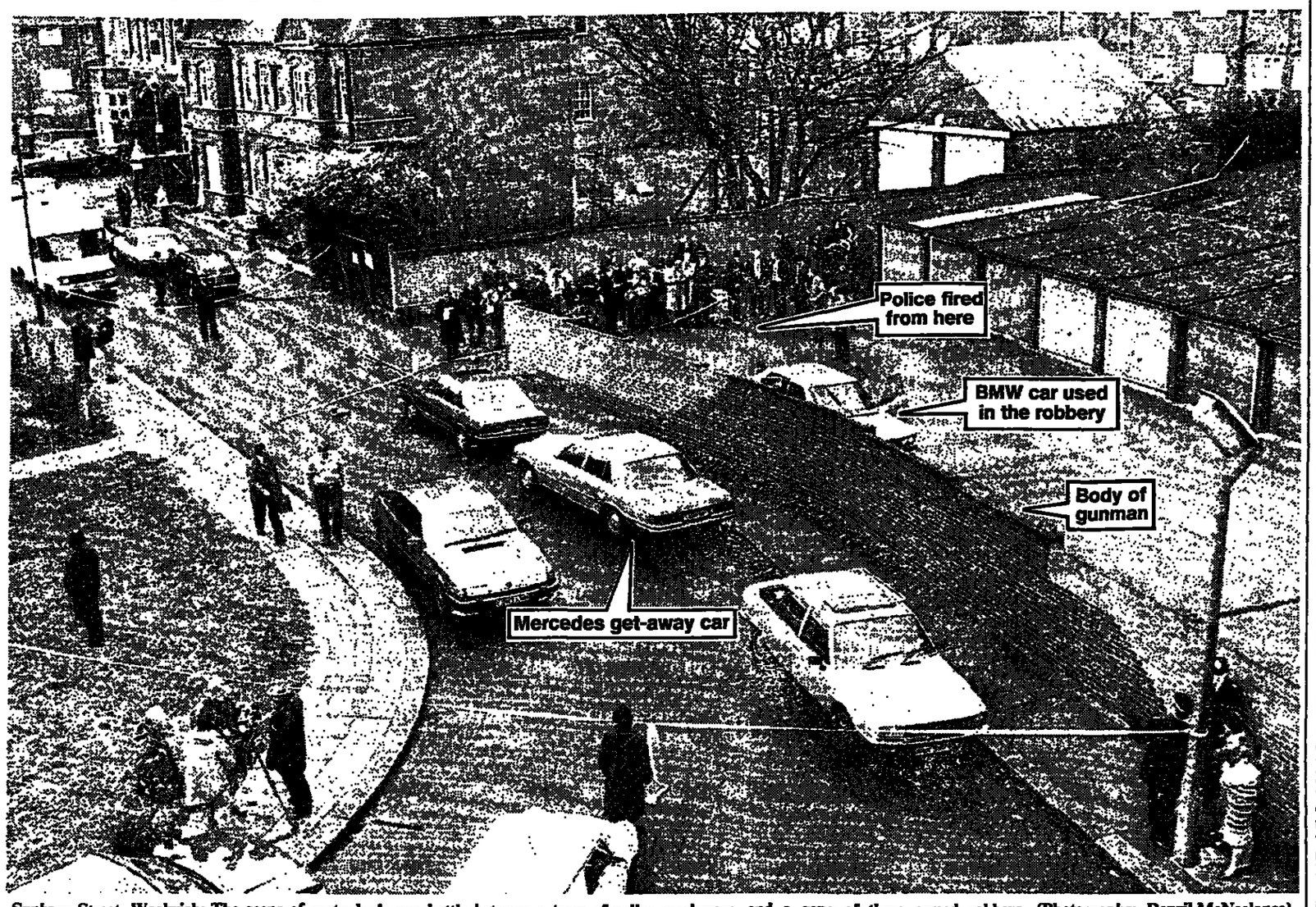
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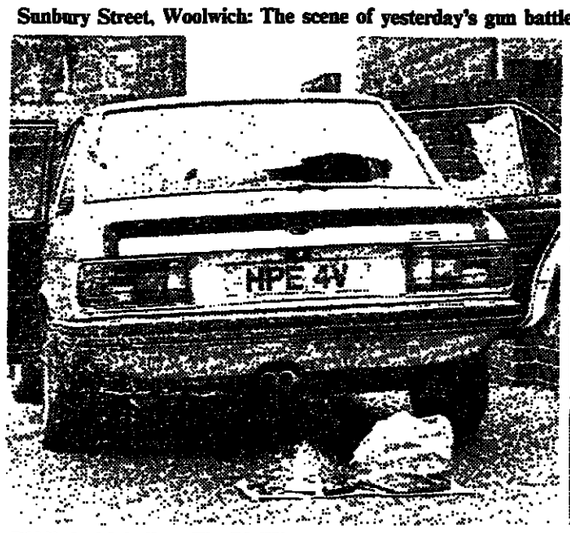
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Shoot-out in Woolwich backstreet



Sunbury Street, Woolwich: The scene of yesterday's gun battle between a team of police marksmen and a gang of three armed robbers. (Photographs: Denzil McNeelance)





Riddled with bullets: The BMW used by the armed gang, left, with the snatched money bag in front. Right: A police officer removes handguns used by the robbers in the shoot-out. Spent cartridges were strewn across the street near the getaway car.

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to me. I knew something was about to happen. A Securicor van pulled up outside the shop and the two men burst back out on to the street. Both men were white and one was wearing dark glasses. They stood in front of the van, their backs were to me, and one of them was swearing and shouting and pointing something at the driver of the van."

The two Securicor men in the van got out and stood beside it. One of the robbers went to the back of the van and I did not see exactly what he did but they ran off with a green canvas bag and jumped into a silver BMW parked nearby. It sped off at high speed down the street. There were police everywhere and helicopters flying above," Miss Miskin said.

The BMW travelled the half-mile to the garages in Sunbury Street, where the flying squad and firearms unit officers – the latter the only ones carrying guns – were already waiting.

A gold coloured car, separated by a wall from the getaway vehicle, was to have been the "switch" vehicle. The shooting began in a small square flanked on one side by lock-up garages and on the other by a wall only yards from an old people's home and a fire station.

The six armed officers moved in as soon as the BMW stopped. "The police were in a straight line holding guns and called out a warning. A man got out of the front passenger door and fired, and then everyone seemed to be shooting," said a woman who saw the incident from the balcony of her flat on Kingsman Street, which backs on to the row of 17 garages.

Mr Stephen Bee, aged 26, said he was alerted to the incident by the sound of police walkie-talkies in the stairway outside his flat in Sunbury Street. He said: "As I looked out of the window the police were coming out of derelict houses and out from the other side of the lock-up garages. They were in plain clothes but wearing black caps with black and check bands."

"The police were lined up against a wall, with their backs to the wall and with their arms pointing towards the robbers' car. A couple were carrying pump-action shotguns.

"There were about eight police lined up, all in plain clothes. They shouted a warning: 'Put your weapons down.' Then there was a shot; a policeman got shot in the leg. He was dragged behind a wall. They pulled him around beside an Audi car and started treating his wounds," Mr Bee added.

"As soon as that happened it was 'bang, bang, bang' – as quick as that. The police must have let off about three or four rounds each. It frightened the life out of me. They were lined up like a firing squad. Bullets must have been going all over the place."

Commons sketch

It's the big show but is it truly art?

It was all topsy-turvy from the start. Usually, there seem to be few inhabitants of the British Isles whom, in Mr Harry Greenway's eyes, would not benefit from a spot of caning, banning, castrating, or deporting.

Yet here Mr Greenway (Conservative, Ealing North) was making a liberal call for the abolition of electricity standing charges for old age pensioners.

Seconds later, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Labour, Workington), whose spindly finger is always pointing rudely at the Government, and which, having pointed, points on, was singing the praises of nuclear energy, begging Mr Cecil Parkinson to give the old Labour government some credit for having initiated it.

While seasoned political observers waited expectantly for Mrs Thatcher to start arguing in favour of unilateralism, or, at very least, Mr Roy Hattersley to put in a good word for nut cutlets, Mr Richard Luce, normally very much the stay-at-home type, began saying how much he'd like to see Nottingham again.

During the 10 minutes in every three weeks of Parliamentary time alloted to him as Minister of the Arts, Mr Luce seems to spend most of his time trying to convince the House that, far from being a genial cove, content with his lot, he is in fact a crazed tourist, desperate to rush hither and thither at the very mention of a Mime artiste in Skegness or a Concrete Poet in Slough.

In yesterdays's 10 minutes, no fewer than 41 different Members wanted him to sing the praises of their own Community Free-Verse Raffia-work Projects, and to promise to come and enjoy them as soon as possible.

The only way out for the poor man is to greet every suggestion with boundless glee, waving his hands in delight and pretending to book his ticket post haste, all the time knowing that in a few minutes he will be back home merrily leafing through back numbers of the *TV Times*.

Mr Roland Boyes wanted him to go to the Museum of Photography in Bradford. Miss Joan Walley wanted him to visit Stoke on Trent City Art Gallery. Mr Bill Michie had the museums in Sheffield in mind. Mrs Margaret Beckett suggested Derby Museum, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours the museums in Cumbria, and Mr Frank Haynes the museums of Nottinghamshire.

The slightest note of irritation crept into Mr Luce's voice. He had just paid them all 17 per cent more than he needed to: surely he could now be let off actually visiting them?

Behind all these suggestions lies an invitation for the Minister to visit "Savage Cuts and Government Neglect", a touring show soon to be on permanent display throughout the country. Mr Toby Jessel (Conservative, Twickenham) sought to divert the Minister into something more patriotic, mouthing a tuneful rendition of that old favourite, "The Conservative Party Is The Party That Really Cares About The Arts".

Whenever this grand old lullaby is being sung, someone else in the Conservative party hands around a plateful of Elgin Marbles so that concert-goers might have something to chew on while they tap their feet.

Mr Nicholas Baker (Conservative, Dorset North) said that were the Marbles to be removed, it would be "a dagger blow between the shoulder blades of those who benefited from a Classical Education".

History does not record whether Lord Elgin made sure that no Greek had ever benefited from a Classical Education before he made off with their Marbles.

"... as I say, they were legally acquired", said Mr Luce.

"Legally acquired!" yelled Labour backbenchers.

"Yes, legally acquired", said Mr Luce.

"Many people actually believe they were stolen", said Mr Tony Banks (Labour, Newham North-west). He then appeared to initiate a new Labour Arts cause, to support Venice in its bid to regain the bones of Casanova.

However, as causes go, it is doubtful whether The Casanova Marbles would have quite the same ring.

Craig Brown

Spy 'must take his secrets to the grave'

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He added that *The Sunday Times*, which had paid £125,000 "for the privilege of ensuring that millions read Mr Wright's work", should not be able to proceed with its plans to serialise the book.

The Observer and *The Guardian*, which had first brought the public's attention to the book, had known it was claimed to be in breach of trust and confidence, he said.

Just because Mr Wright avoided his obligations elsewhere did not mean that newspapers should get a "charter for mass circulation" in this country.

That would dismay those in the security services who were loyal and decent, and elate those disloyal and deviant. "It is very important for our courts to uphold our law."

Earlier in the day Mr Justice Scott agreed to an order which will give him discretion to impose reporting restrictions under the Contempt of Court Act. He agreed firstly that the ban on *Spycatcher* material imposed on newspapers by the House of Lords in the summer should continue until the end of the trial, which is expected to last three weeks.

He also agreed that as far as daily press reporting of the preceedings is concerned, he will make an order on a daily basis if he thinks it necessary for prohibiting the publication of any *Spycatcher* material. If no order is made, the press are free to publish the day's proceedings.

● **WELLINGTON:** The British Government has no "key to the door" of New Zealand's courts in its bid attempt to stop a Wellington newspaper printing *Spycatcher*, the High Court in Wellington was told yesterday (A Correspondent writes).

Space research lost

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200 space firms by suggesting that there may still be possibilities for the other two major parts of the European space programme: of a new launch vehicle, Ariane 5; and Columbus, Europe's contribution to the American space station planned for eight years' time.

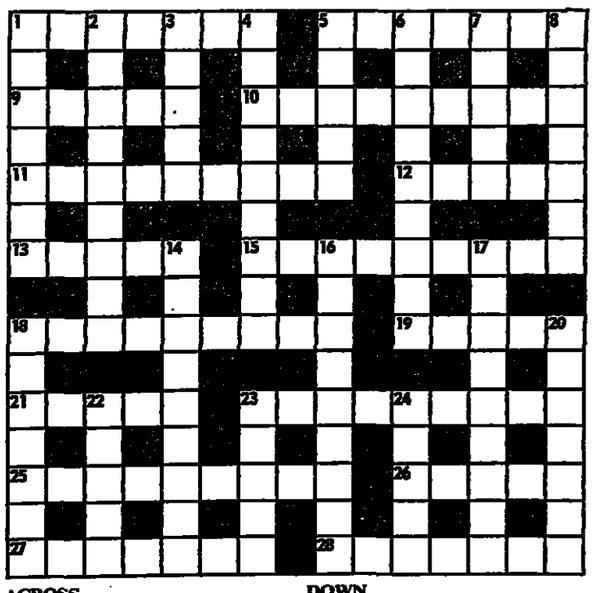
Mr Leeming has said that negotiations over the expanded space programme gave Britain a three-month deadline to confirm its position. Britain, he says, would still be interested if the European agency could show that Ariane 5 could be built as a commercially practical launch vehicle.

He has also advised companies to keep bids open for Columbus.

● **Fears confirmed:** The loss of contracts will confirm the fears of many MPs and peers (Sheila Gunn writes).

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Trade and Industry Minister, is to appear before the Conservative back-bench committee on space tomorrow, and the House of Lords' select committee investigating space policy has called Sir Geoffrey Pattie, Mr Clarke's predecessor, before them tomorrow to try to explain the drastic change in Government policy between 1985 and 1987.

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ACROSS

1 Mate here, in more ways than one (2,5).
5 Dark soon, here in Ireland? (7).
9 After retreat, contend with hard time (5).
10 Constant? One employed by trainer (6-3).
11 Daily's mad, perhaps, to be a servant (5-4).
12 Essayist goes on about a girl (5).
13 Joke makes little change to nobility (5).
15 A couple of dolts could be so trite (5-4).
18 Spaniard held back by the Irish supporter? Not he (9).
19 King writing about princess (5).
21 Animate gallant young fellow (5).
23 Eccentric's instrument for fiddler (4-5).
25 Develop in the lab or at experimental section (9).
26 Contradict opinion endlessly (5).
27 Demonstrated limits of excellent fabric (7).
28 Viewer's outcry (5-2).

Concise crossword, page 13

DOWN

1 Finished drink? Some coincidence! (7).
2 Programme, so to speak (9).
3 Test matches – with this result? (5).
4 Girl's put on garment to do stripping act (9).
5 Turned, roughly speaking, in part of South-East (5).
6 Cosmetic best after infection (4,5).
7 Crime as gunmen pinched from politician (5).
8 Erratic course over part of city (7).
14 Demolish county after first innings (5,4).
16 Rebellious one demanding quick action about partners (9).
17 Former bridge designer in court (3,6).
18 Lots of Constables society means to have (7).
20 Top dog could be Pom? Sure (7).
22 Tailor gives a daughter fitting (5).
23 Move effortlessly along shore (5).
24 Witch gets one by replacing contents of spell (5).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ALGORITHM
a. A logical procedure
b. Arabic musical notation
c. Distillate of seaweed

RIVELLING
a. Wrinkling in paint
b. Decorative edging in thatching
c. Hooking in the Eton Wall Game

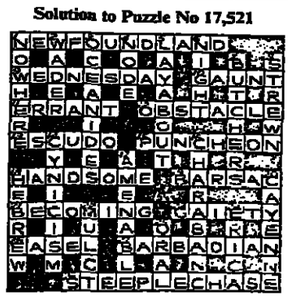
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c. Letters to a science fiction mag

RABBIT
a. Baseball: a ball that is springy, and accordingly lively
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c. Computing program modifications introduced by hackers

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c. Edible Arctic bivalve

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WEATHER

All parts of the country will have showers with bright or sunny spells. Showers will be heavy at times – especially in the east where they will be more frequent, with snow over high ground. Generally rather cold with an overnight frost in sheltered places. Outlook: Further showers in most parts of the country – especially in the east. Overnight frost again expected in many sheltered places.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	c	12	54	Malaga	f	15	59	
Akrotiri	s	23	73	Malta	c	17	63	
Alex'dria	s	25	77	Melb'rne	f	25	77	
Amst'dm	f	7	45	Miami*	c	23	73	
Athens	f	18	64	Milan	r	6	43	
Bahrain	s	27	81	Montreal*	s	-2	28	
Belgrade	f	8	46	Moscow	sn	-12	10	
Berlin	c	4	39	Nairobi	c	18	64	
Biarritz	c	8	46	Nassau	s	13	55	
Borde'x	c	8	46	N Delhi	s	27	81	
Brussels	c	5	41	N York*	s	2	36	
B Aires*	s	23	73	Oslo	d	2	36	
Cairo	s	24	75	Paris	c	5	41	
Cape Tn	s	25	77	Peking	s	11	52	
C'blanca	c	17	63	Perth	c	20	68	
Chr'church	c	16	61	Prague	f	7	45	
Cologne	f	7	45	Reykjvik	c	-1	30	
C'hagn	c	8	43	Rio de J	c	22	72	
Corfu	f	14	57	Riyadh	s	30	86	
Dubrovnik	f	13	55	Rome	th	10	50	
Faro	f	16	61	Salzburg	s	6	43	
Florence	f	11	52	S F'risco*	s	13	55	
Frankfurt	c	6	43	S Paulo*	c	20	68	
Funchal	f	19	66	Seoul	s	15	59	
Geneva	c	5	41	Sing'por	f	30	86	
Gibraltar	c	16	61	St'kholm	f	4	39	
Helsinki	sn	-3	27	Strasb'rg	f	8	46	
Hong K	s	26	79	Sydney	s	23	73	
Istanbul	s	15	59	Tangier	c	16	61	
Jeddah	f	32	90	Tel aviv	s	23	73	
Jo'burg	s	22	72	Tenerife	s	22	72	
Karachi	s	27	81	Tokyo	s	13	55	
L Palmas	f	22	72	Toronto*	f	1	34	
Lisbon	f	13	55	Valencia	f	13	55	
Locarno	r	6	41	Vanc'ver*	c	9	48	
L Angels*	s	17	63	Vienna	s	6	43	
Luxembg	r	4	39	Warsaw	sn	-1	30	
Madrid	f	9	48	Wash'ton*	s	3	37	
Majorca	f	12	54	Zurich	f	5	41	

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.19	7.0	3.42	7.2
Aberdeen	2.53	4.2	3.03	4.3
Avonmouth	8.57	12.7	9.21	12.4
Belfast	12.19	3.5	12.41	3.6
Cardiff	8.42	11.7	9.06	11.4
Devonport	7.29	5.4	7.59	5.2
Dover	12.21	6.6	12.38	6.4
Falmouth	6.59	5.2	7.28	5.0
Glasgow	2.10	4.8	2.39	4.9
Harwich	1.16	2.9	1.37	4.0
Holyhead	11.57	5.6	—	—
Hull	7.58	7.1	8.12	7.1
Ilfracombe	7.33	9.1	7.57	8.8
Leith	4.11	5.5	4.30	5.4
Liverpool	12.34	9.2	12.56	9.3
Lowestoft	11.11	2.5	11.22	2.5
Margate	1.21	4.8	1.44	4.9
Milford Haven	7.52	6.9	8.18	6.7
Newquay	6.43	6.9	7.09	6.7
Oban	7.14	4.0	7.32	3.7
Penzance	6.30	5.5	7.02	5.3
Portland	8.41	2.3	9.13	2.0
Portsmouth	12.55	4.6	1.09	4.6
Shoreham	12.36	6.1	12.52	6.2
Southampton	12.18	4.4	12.31	4.5
Swansea	7.55	9.4	8.19	9.1
Tees	5.18	5.3	5.29	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	1.04	4.1	1.30	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain ins	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.42	8	46	shower
Bridlington	0.6	.53	9	48	shower
Lowestoft	1.0	.06	7	45	shower
Clacton	2.5	-	6	43	bright
Folkestone	0.3	.02	5	41	shower
Hastings	0.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Eastbourne	0.5	-	5	41	cloudy
Brighton	1.0	.03	4	39	cloudy
Worthing	0.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Littlehmpton	0.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Bognor R	0.2	-	5	41	cloudy
Southsea	0.4	.01	6	43	cloudy
Sandown	1.0	-	6	43	shower
Bournemth	5.3	-	7	45	bright
Swanage	5.5	-	7	45	sunny
Exmouth	5.8	.01	7	45	sunny
Teignmouth	5.9	.07	7	45	sunny
Falmouth	3.1	.45	7	45	shower
Scilly Isles	0.3	.38	8	46	shower
Newquay	2.0	.16	8	46	rain
Ilfracombe	-	.10	9	48	shower
Minehead	3.3	.12	7	45	bright
Morecambe	1.9	.01	8	46	shower
Douglas	-	.01	8	46	bngmt
Carlisle	0.5	.02	8	46	shower
Nottingham	0.4	.14	6	43	shower
Anglesey	2.8	.15	9	48	hail
Tenby	2.8	.52	8	46	rain
Aviemore	0.8	.62	6	43	shower
Eskdalemuir	2.0	.16	5	41	shower
Glasgow	3.5	-	8	46	shower
Kinloss	2.1	.29	8	46	bright
Prestwick	4.9	-	8	46	dull
Stornoway	1.4	.07	7	45	shower
Tiree	3.6	.13	9	48	shower
Wick	2.2	.32	8	46	shower
Belfast	7.2	.03	8	46	sunny

* Denotes figures not available

THE POUND

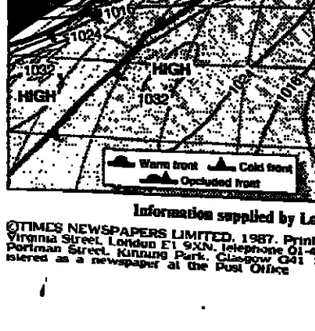
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.555	2.535
Austria Sch	21.60	20.70
Belgium Fr	65.00	61.80
Canada $	2.43	2.31
Denmark Kr	11.96	11.36
Finland Mkk	7.65	7.25
France Fr	10.49	9.99
Germany Dm	3.10	2.94
Greece Dr	285	265
Hong Kong $	14.30	13.60
Ireland Pt	1.166	1.106
Italy Lira	2275	2165
Japan Yen	251	239
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.32
Norway Kr	12.02	11.37
Portugal Esc	253	238
South Africa Rd	4.50	3.80
Spain Pta	208.50	197.50
Sweden Kr	11.22	10.67
Switzerland Fr	2.53	2.41
USA $	1.865	1.775
Yugoslavia Dnr	3500	2800

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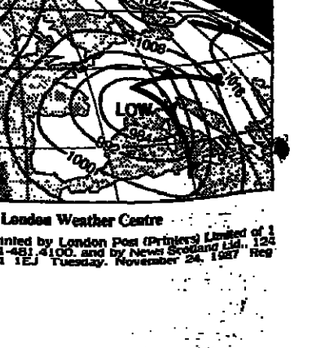
Retail Price Index: 102.9 (October)

London: The *FT* index closed up 23.7 at 1309.4.

AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am,3C (37F) Humidity: 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.1 in.Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea-level, 6 pm, 999.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.31 pm to 7.04 am
Bristol 4.41 pm to 7.14 am
Edinburgh 4.22 pm to 7.38 am
Manchester 4.31 pm to 7.21 am
Penzance 4.56 pm to 7.20 am

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am,1C (34F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.06 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.9 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	7	45	Guernsey	c	6	43
B'mingham	f	5	41	Inverness	r	7	45
Blackpool	f	7	45	Jersey	c	8	46
Bristol	r	7	45	London	c	5	41
Cardiff	c	6	43	M'chester	r	5	41
Edinburgh	r	7	45	Newcastle	r	7	45
Glasgow	s	8	46	R'nldsway	s	8	46

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Dalbeig, Highland, 0.55 in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, 5.8 hr.

Sun rises: 7.33 am
Sun sets: 4.01 pm
Moon rises 11.40 am
Moon sets 6.32 pm
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NOON TODAY

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1309.4 (+23.7)

FT-SE 100
1657.7 (+24.3)

Bargains
24205 (28924)

USM (Datastream)
133.76 (+1.97)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7885 (+0.0090)

W German mark
2.9850 (–0.0037)

Trade-weighted
75.7 (same)

Markets cool on deficit deal

Dealers disappointed by terms of US pact

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Markets yesterday registered mild disappointment with the cut in the US budget deficit agreed between President Reagan and leaders of Congress on Friday. In the first dealings since the package was announced there was little sign that the cut had achieved its primary objective of reviving market confidence.

The dollar opened lower as the anticipation built up on Friday evaporated, and the currency then drifted for much of the day. It closed in London a little off its worst, down 1.05 pfennigs from the pre-weekend close at DM1.6690.

Stock markets were no more enthusiastic. London share prices opened slightly lower but optimism from the Confederation of British Industry survey injected some buoyancy, and the FT-SE 100 index closed up 24.3 points at 1,657.7. Trading was very slight with volume less than a fifth of the peak level just after the crash. Wall Street opened fractionally lower.

Disappointment with the US package focused both on its broad composition and the fact that the details have not been fully agreed between the President and Congress. Mr Ian Harwood of Warburg Securities said: "It is quite possible that it will not get through Congress untouched. What people will be looking at is whether the full $30 billion off this year's deficit is delivered or whether it turns out to be some lower number."

Postponement of the meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations was seen in markets as unfortunate.

Markets are looking to the G7 meeting to open the way for further co-ordinated cuts in interest rates. But this prospect was seen yesterday as having been at best deferred. In London gilt-edged prices fell by about ³/₈ of a point.

The likely difficulty of reaching agreement on measures to complement the cut in the US budget deficit was underlined yesterday by the economic report of the "Five Wise Men" in West Germany, who with one exception urged caution in any loosening of German fiscal and monetary policy. A strong strand of opinion within the Bundesbank is opposed to cutting interest rates further when the money supply is growing above the target range.

The Japanese have emphasized that their economy is already growing strongly. They are only likely to cut interest rates further if others do so as well.

Market sentiment will face a further test later this week with trade figures due from Japan, West Germany and Britain.

The pound closed unchanged on its effective index at 75.7. It was up nearly a cent against the dollar, at $1.7885, and weakened almost a pfennig, to DM2.9845.

G7 to meet 'after budget approval'

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The next meeting of the Group of Seven nations, aimed at resolving pressing economic problems after the stock market crash, is not likely to take place until after December 18, US officials said yesterday.

That is the deadline for passage of the agreement on budget deficit reduction announced last week. Officials said yesterday that Mr James Baker, the treasury secretary, will not agree to a G7 meeting until he has steered the deficit-reduction legislation through a reluctant Congress.

Meanwhile, US officials have begun preparing for the G7 talks, which they hope will result in a broad new commitment to take the political steps necessary to prevent a global recession.

A high-level West German official said yesterday that if Washington persists in its highly public criticism of the economic reforms in Bonn the G7 meeting will end without a satisfactory solution.

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister, is under considerable political pressure at home and will not advance new, potentially unpopular, stimulative measures if the US keeps up the public pressure, officials said.

The US will not agree to any dollar stabilization measures unless the big surplus nations, notably West Germany, agree to implement macroeconomic policies that support exchange rate goals.

Also, the Reagan Administration, alarmed by the prospect of a domestic recession prior to the next election, will reserve the right to refrain from raising interest rates to support the dollar if this would plunge the economy into decline.

SAS plans 'to bid for B-Cal'

SAS, the Scandanavian airline, is believed by sources in the City to have approached a number of fund managers to underwrite a counter-bid for British Caledonian, the privately-owned, Gatwick-based airline.

The B-Cal board, which has 21 days to make up its mind on the £147 million, revised offer from British Airways, is said to be divided on the BA offer.

However, BA will not be pushed into increasing its offer for B-Cal, regardless of what SAS or any other airline may bid, according to Lord King of Wartnaby, the BA chairman. This week formal share-purchase notices will be sent out to all B-Cal shareholders and BA is confident that a significant number will accept.

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Emap up 51%

Emap, the newspaper, magazine and exhibition group, is raising its interim dividend from 0.87p to 1.1p a share, following a 51 per cent increase in interim pretax profits from £5.6 million to £8.45 million.

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Shoe group up

Chamberlain Phipps, the shoe component, adhesives and speciality chemicals group, reported a 40 per cent increase in pretax profits to £3.4 million in the six months to end-September. Turnover rose from £50.2 million to £58.7 million. An interim dividend of 1.4p was declared (1.2p).

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Gearing up for success: David Brown of AWD (Photograph by Peter Trievnor)

Family firm saves GM Bedford truck-maker

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The 1,100 jobs at Bedford Trucks' Dunstable factory have been saved after the sale by General Motors of the military truck and coach maker to a small, privately-owned company.

The future and gradual expansion of the modern Dunstable factory have been assured by the new owner, Mr David Brown, who has made his money developing and producing the world's largest articulated dump truck from his factory at Peterlee, near Newcastle upon Tyne, which employs 600 people.

Undaunted by the considerable overcapacity in the truck industry and the might of the big European truck producers, Mr Brown said yesterday he would re-introduce within eight months the trucks GM had stopped making late last year when it withdrew from the heavy truck market in Britain.

Iveco Ford, Leyland-Daf and Renault have all benefited from a boost in demand after Bedford's demise.

"Some of our European competitors have unwisely already written us off," said the new chairman, whose family will own the Dunstable operation. Mr Brown, aged 62, said that to cope with tough competition, "what you have to do is make a better product."

The Dunstable plant will build 5,500 military trucks, coaches, and lorries for the Far East this year and output is expected to rise to 8,000 in 1988, when Mr Brown predicts a gradual increase in the workforce.

At least 70 jobs will be saved by transferring former GM engineers and staff from Luton to Dunstable, where the new company will operate as AWD Ltd (All Wheel Drive).

The Bedford name will continue to be used on army trucks and in export markets.

Bedford is competing for a Ministry of Defence order for 20,000 medium-mobility trucks against Leyland-Daf and Volvo. Mr Brown commented: "We intend to win the order. The MoD is very pleased that we are going to be competing for the contract."

The takeover, for an undisclosed sum, marks the end of GM's involvement in heavy truck manufacture. GM claims Dunstable has recovered financially to operate close to break-even, and with reduced overheads and improved productivity, Mr Brown expects AWD to be profitable in its first year.

Hutton begins merger talks

By Our Banking Correspondent

Shearson Lehman Brothers and EF Hutton, two of America's largest securities houses, yesterday began merger talks in a move that could create the largest securities firm in the US.

The merger talks may be a direct consequence of losses in the stock market collapse. EF Hutton is believed to have made substantial losses since mid-October, but has not revealed their size.

A Shearson spokesman said EF Hutton approached it over a possible merger. He added that Shearson was interested in a merger and would begin discussions soon.

Shearson, a subsidiary of American Express, the US banking group, said: "Many of our lines of business and target markets are compatible and a preliminary analysis of EF Hutton, which has already been conducted, suggests that the combination would have highly positive benefits for virtually all parts of the combined business."

Shearson is Wall Street's third-largest securities firm with assets of $3.2 billion (£1.8 billion) and after-tax earnings last year of $317 million. That is in the same league as the two larger firms, Merill Lynch and Salomon Brothers. The addition of EF Hutton would probably take Shearson above its larger rivals in size.

Shearson, however, recently announced losses for October of $70 million, of which $46 million was from underwriting the US portion of the BP share issue. It has also announced plans to cut down its worldwide staff by more than 1,000 as part of a cost-saving exercise and is reducing the number of shares in which it is prepared to make a market.

Maxus files $300m suit

Maxus Energy Corporation yesterday filed a suit seeking $300 million (£170 million) from convicted financier Mr Ivan Boesky; Kidder, Peabody and Co, a US securities house; and one of its former executives. It accused them of leaking confidential information about Maxus's 1983 acquisition of Natomas a Californian energy company.

Maxus said Mr Martin Siegel, a former Kidder executive, had signed a consent decree with the US Securities and Exchange Commission after the SEC alleged Mr Siegel had given Mr Boesky confidential information about Maxus' intention to buy Natomas.

Merrill chief to head TSA

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr Stanislas Yassukovich, head of Merrill Lynch's international operations, is taking over as chairman of The Securities Association which aims to be the principal self-regulatory body for the securities industry in London.

Mr Yassukovich, who was already on the TSA board, replaces as chairman Mr Andrew Large who has moved to Switzerland following his appointment to the main board of the Swiss Bank Corporation. Mr Yassukovich is already deputy chairman of the Stock Exchange, a position he will continue to hold. He will also keep his position with Merrill Lynch.

He said that he would continue TSA's operations as they had been under Mr Large, but he would also use his position as chairman to help promote the principle of a common international regulatory system for securities.

TSA expects to complete the redrafting of its rule-book within the next few days. It then hopes to receive recognition from the Securities and Investments Board as an SRO shortly after the new year. Its members will eventually comprise most of the international securities firms based in London

The regulatory framework will come into effect next April when Mr Yassukovich said the next critical excercise would begin. "We then have six months to see whether further refinements and improvements to our rulebook are necessary. Although a tremendous amount of work has already been done, there may still be more to do," Mr Yassukovich said.

Growth forecasts 'undented' by crash

By Our Economics Editor

Economic forecasters do not expect growth in the economy to slow down next year by much as a result of the stock market crash. The latest monthly comparison by the Treasury of independent forecasts shows no change in the average growth forecast for next year which stays at 2.4 per cent.

Five out of the 11 forecasters in the latest comparison have produced new estimates since the crash. At the weekend the London Business School also revised its GDP forecast, from 2.8 per cent to 2.2 per cent, and if the LBS numbers are included the average forecast falls from 2.4 per cent to 2.3 per cent.

This is still a only a small revision to the expected level of growth next year and less than the reduction in the Treasury's own forecast in the Autumn Statement from 3 per cent to 2.5 per cent.

The separate comparison of forecasts made in the City, which tend to be more up-to-date than the other forecasts, also shows GDP growth unchanged next year at 2.4 per cent. Six out of the nine City forecasters monitored have produced post-crash predictions.

Other features of the forecast comparison are lower inflation, a lower public sector borrowing requirement and lower unemployment.

Retail prices are now expected to rise at 4.3 per cent a year by the fourth quarter of next year rather than 4.6 per cent last month. PSBR forecasts for 1988-89 have been revised down from £3.9 billion to £2.4 billion, or £1.8 billion from City forecasters, and in the current year the PSBR is expected by the City to turn out at £1.5 billion.

The speed of the fall in unemployment continues to upset forecasts and the average expectation for the fourth quarter of next year has been again reduced from 2.77 million to 2.74 million. Views on the balance of payments, however, are slightly gloomier with the current account now expected to be in deficit by £3.1 billion rather than £2.9 billion.

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● In Germany, an independent council of experts known as the "Five Wise Men" said yesterday there was no sign of impending recession in the German economy next year but that growth would average only 1.5 per cent.

Miss World Clubs shareholders could lose money in offer

Theme for a Morley takeover

By Lawrence Lever

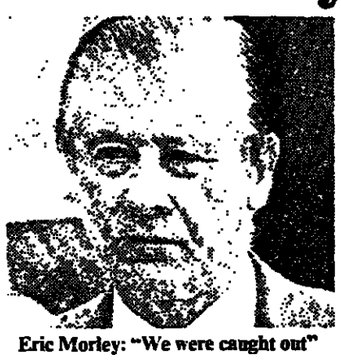
Shareholders in Miss World Clubs – the health clubs company which raised £520,000 from the public under the Business Expansion Scheme in December 1985 – are likely to lose money under the terms of a takeover offer announced yesterday by Theme Holdings, the restaurants and leisure group quoted on the Third Market.

Miss World Group, the USM-quoted promoter of beauty contests, owns 34 per cent of Miss World Clubs, which operates two clubs under the name Morley's. Mr Eric Morley, the Miss World chairman, and his son Julian, are both directors.

When Miss World Clubs was launched its shares were offered to the public by Guidehouse and Ifico, the joint sponsors, at 13p each. The offer was made under the BES, which gives investors tax relief of up to 60 per cent on their investment.

Yesterday's all-share offer from Theme – two of its own shares for every 11 in Miss World Clubs – now values the latter's shares at slightly over 8.2p, and the company at £534,000.

This represents a loss of about 30 per cent to the Miss World Clubs shareholders. Although they qualified for tax relief on their investment they will forfeit most of this if the Theme offer goes through.



Eric Morley: "We were caught out"

Miss World Clubs raised less than half the money that it was seeking and consequently was undercapitalized. It was also hit by delays in opening the first Morley's club on a commercial basis and therefore produced losses of £284,000 in its last full financial year.

Mr Eric Morley described the company as being in "a catch as catch can situation . . . We were really caught out by the rules of the BES. We did not raise enough money, and yet Miss World Group could not really put in more equity because under the rules of the BES it could not own more than 49 per cent of the shares."

The Theme Holdings takeover offer must, however, be approved by the independent BES shareholders who will have their own separate vote, in which the Miss World Group and Miss World Clubs, plus the directors and advisers of both companies, will not participate. The vote will require a 75 per cent majority for the takeover to go through.

It appears that the Morley's near Heathrow airport, the main health club in the group, is now trading profitably, and has achieved its target of 1,300 members. However, further capital is needed to refurbish the second Morley's, at Hove. Mr Morley said that the company was exploring raising money, via a sale and leaseback arrangement, when the offer came from Theme.

Theme is being advised by Guidehouse, one of the joint sponsors of the Miss World Clubs issue. If its offer goes through it intends to change the name of both clubs to Ragdale, in line with its recent £3.6 million purchase of two clubs operating under this name.

Theme came to the Third Market in January of this year, with an offering of shares at 40p each. Its shares reached 87p before the stock market crash in October.

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Dow Jones	1913.79 (+0.16)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	Closed
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2141.71 (–72.99)
Amsterdam: Gen	n/a
Sydney: AO	1250.3 (–5.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1320.5 (–5.2)
Brussels:	
General	3813.6 (–16.6)
Paris: CAC	289.5 (+4.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	504.7 (+68.1)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	829.64 (+11.38)
FT–"500"	916.56 (–23.46)
FT. Gold Mines	293.0 (+5.8)
FT. Fixed interest	95.91 (+0.27)
FT. Govt Secs	90.61 (+0.42)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Morgan Grenfell	265p (+22p)
Anchor Chemical	575p (+150p)
Br Commonwealth	325p (+20p)
Rowntree	402p (+16p)
Avon Rubber	507p (+20p)
English China	382p (+19p)
Jacksons Bourne	387p (+25p)
Pilkington	207p (+17p)
Pearl	325p (+17p)
Cons. Gold	737p (+38p)
News Intnl.	250p (+25p)
Inchcape	575p (+30p)
Carlton Comm.	590p (+37p)
Eucalyptus Pulp	550p (+125p)
Connelle	320p (+20p)
Merivale Moore	350p (+25p)
Mersey Docks	323p (+18p)
FALLS:	
Schroders	875p (–50p)
Barton Transport	725p (–50p)
Cussins	365p (–30p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 9-8¹⁵/₁₆%
3-month eligible bills: 8²¹/₃₂-8¹⁹/₃₂% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 6⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.72-5.70%*
30-year bonds 100-100¹/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7885	£: $1.7905*
$: DM2.9850	$: DM1.6670*
$: SwFr2.4502	$: SwFr1.3695*
$: FFr10.1363	$: FFr5.6665*
$: Yen240.82	$: Yen134.65*
$: Index:75.7	$: Index:95.9
ECU £0.690823	SDR £0.757853

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $468.25 pm-$469.40
close $470.00-470.50 (£262.50-263.00)
New York:
Comex $474.50-475.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec.) pm $10.00bbl ($17.75)
* Denotes latest trading price

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Fairbriar rises by 53% to £2.3m at half time

Fairbriar, the south-east builder of luxury homes, increased profits in the half year to end-September by 53 per cent to £2.3 million. An interim dividend of 1.8p was declared (1.5p). Turnover rose by 14 per cent to £6.95 million, so there was a marked widening in margins at the pretax level. They rose from 24.4 per cent to 33.1 per cent, both figures well above the industry average.

Mr Remo Dipre, the chairman, forecasts that the strong performance will continue and expects a "healthy growth in profits at the year-end". The growth will be helped by recent acquisitions. Mr Dipre drew attention to the imbalance between the half years, as traditionally most of the profit is earned in the second half. City forecasters expect Fairbriar to make at least £6.5 million pretax profit in the full year, compared with £4.5 million last year.

Parkland sees profits soar

Parkland Textile, the Bradford clothing manufacturer, raised pretax profits from £523,000 to £1.1 million in the first six months of the year. Sales went up from £28.6 million to £31.1 million. There is an interim dividend of 1.8p, up from 1.6p last time. The stock market liked the figures, marking the shares up 12p to 200p.

Half-time rise at Rexmore

Rexmore, the fabrics distributor, reported interim pretax profits up from £398,000 to £676,000 in the six months to October 3. The interim dividend is raised from 0.44p to 0.55p a share, and the group says all divisions are performing well. Turnover in the early weeks of the third quarter is well ahead of budgeted levels. The shares rose 3p to 51p yesterday.

First Leisure buy

JM Inns, which has grown from an almost derelict pub into a chain of 18 pubs and restaurants in 11 years, has been taken over in a deal worth more than £4 million by the First Leisure Corporation, which is headed by Lord Bernard Delfont.

JM Inns, which began life with the purchase of just one rundown pub at Portsmouth by Mr John Miller, now covers Hampshire and Sussex and employs 600 people. Mr Miller, the chairman of JM Inns, and Mr Keith Moore, the managing director, will be staying with the company in the new set-up. "We are all very happy that First Leisure has recognized the achievements of what started as a small joint venture, and the company is looking forward to the opportunities for expansion and growth provided by our getting together with another successful and progressive organization," Mr Moore said.

Oslo dealer arrested

A top Norwegian share dealer has been arrested and charged with a serious breach of economic trust, police said in Oslo yesterday. Philippe Hecker, aged 37, a dealer in foreign shares at Den Norske Creditbank (DNC), was suspended then dismissed after DNC said it lost 800 million crowns (£70 million) in the stock market crash.

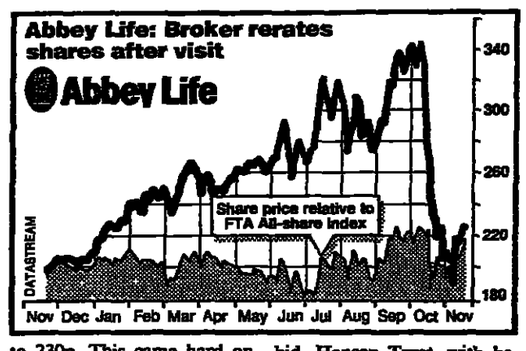
Home loan rates cut

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society is cutting its mortgage rate to 10 per cent for all borrowers from January 4, undercutting the Abbey National's competitive new rate of 10.1 per cent announced last Friday. The National & Provincial Building Society has also reduced its rate from 11.25 per cent to 10.25 per cent.

STOCK MARKET

SAS looks poised to counter BA's £147m bid for B-Cal

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster



It looks as though SAS, the Scandanavian airline, is poised to make a counter-bid any time now for British Caledonian, the privately-owned, Gatwick-based airline group.

Last week, British Airways made a pre-emptive strike for B-Cal worth £147 million which, it was claimed, was designed to flush out other potential bidders. The offer was £90 million less than the *price put on the company four* months ago and well below the £200 million price-tag originally placed on the group by Sir Adam Thomson, the B-Cal chairman.

Whispers in the marketplace last night claimed that SAS had approached a number of fund managers about underwriting the bid. The British Airways' offer, which was unchanged on the terms first made in July, has already been underwritten.

The BA share price closed 1p lower at 144p yesterday after going ex-dividend as 1.5 million shares changed hands.

The rest of the equity market made a cautious start to the new account despite the agreement over the weekend to reduce the US budget deficit by $76 billion during the next two years. Turnover remained pitifully thin with dealers still expressing concern about the weakness of the dollar. A dull start to trading on Wall street did little to boost sentiment.

The FT-SE 100 index closed below its best levels of the day with a rise of 24.3 at 1,657.7, having opened 5.7 down. The narrower FT 30 index finished 23.7 up at 1,309.4.

Talk of another half-point cut in base rates did little for government securities which closed with losses stretching to more than £½ at the longer end.

Racal Electronics attracted some early, speculative support as the price firmed by 9p to 230p. This came hard on the heels of an announcement *from Millicom International* that it was now interested in 36.25 million shares, or 5.79 per cent of the equity, after selling Racal its minority interest in Vodaphone.

The announcement prompted speculation that Millicom had been topping up its holding in Racal. In fact, it had taken the opportunity to sell a few shares.

Trafalgar House led the rest of the market higher first thing, but closed below its best levels of the day with a rise of 9p to 319p as less than 1 million shares changed hands. Dealers have reported steady support for Trafalgar during the past few weeks, ahead of full-year figures next week which are expected to show *pretax profits up from £145.8* million to £162 million. Analysts are looking for an impressive second-half performance and are confident of further, strong growth in 1988.

The company is also reckoned to be the ideal break-up situation and vulnerable to a bid. Hanson Trust, with between £3 billion and £4 billion *to spend on acquisitions, has* often been tipped as a possible suitor. Some dealers are convinced that Hanson is preparing to flex its financial muscles following the recent stock market crash which has left a number of leading companies looking cheap. Hanson closed 4p dearer at 130p.

Abbey Life, the life and *financial services group*, gained 5p to 229p as Wood Mackenzie, the broker, lifted *its rating of the shares from a* "hold" to a "buy."

Wood Mac's re-rating follows a recent visit to the company after which analysts returned with a bullish message. The sales performance in the full year is likely to be *ahead of the 15 per cent* increase achieved in the first half and the group's agency sales force will show appreciable growth by the year-end.

The broker says that the group's main contracts, being protection rather than investment-orientated, are not vulnerable to a sales downturn and, with the prospect of a *full-year dividend increase of* more than 20 per cent, the stock is cheap.

Merchant banks regained some composure after Friday's nervousness which followed Barclays Bank's news that its BZW market-making arm had incurred losses approaching £50 million following last month's crash.

SG Warburg, which includes the old Akroyd & Smithers jobbing firm, rebounded by 10p to 313p ahead of tomorrow's interim figures.

County NatWest, the broker, has forecast half-year pretax profits of £51 million – a 34 per cent increase on last *year's £38.1 million, while the* dividend payment should be up from 3p to 4p. County also suggests that market-making losses in the wake of the crash may be lower than some competitors.

Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, goes for a higher figure at the interim stage, forecasting £65 million pretax, but has downgraded its full-year estimate for the current year to £125 million pretax – a figure *which reflects market-making* losses and reduced fund management and corporate finance contributions.

Smith New Court, the independent securities house, rallied by 10p to 195p and Morgan Grenfell (ex Pinchin Denny) advanced by 23p to 265p. Kleinwort Benson, which formed its own market-making side, failed to join in and closed another 5p lower at 295p.

● Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, the engineering group, where FH Tomkins has just increased its holding to 7 per cent, fell 4p to 233p yesterday, despite a visit to the company last week by analysts. They came away impressed and clearly relieved that its exposure to the dollar remains limited.

Pilkington, the glass manufacturer, stood out with a rise of 17p to 213p yesterday. The directors are in Tokyo at present hoping to attract the support of Japanese fund managers and repair some of the damage to the share price. There is also talk that BTR might consider renewing its offer in the New Year.

Bridon, the Doncaster-based engineer and wire manufacturer, often tipped as a prime takeover target, rose by 5p to 103p, amid whispers *that a stake-building operation* was under way.

The talk is that a 4.9 per cent stake in the former British Ropes company has been built up. The shares, which have been a perennial takeover favourite and earlier *this year touched 240p on talk* of a possible bid from Lonrho or Williams Holdings, dropped to below 100p after the crash.

Guinness, the brewing group, advanced by 9p to 246p as 3 million shares changed hands. The board's decision to ask for shareholders' approval in December for permission to spend £200 million, buying up to 10 per cent of its own shares, has been well received by the market.

Elsewhere in the drinks sector, Bass improved by 6p to 780p on news that the Prudential Corporation had taken a 5 per cent stake in the company. Greenall Whitley, the largest of the regional brewers, edged forward by 2p to 186p in anticipation of tomorrow's preliminary figures. Morgan Grenfell Securities, the broker, has forecast pretax profits of £39 million against £33.7 million last year.

Trusthouse Forte, the hotel and leisure group, gained 7.5p to 205p as the group found itself subjected to takeover speculation once again.

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Emap's results are good news

Publish . . . and be profitable. *Emap*, the newspaper, magazines and exhibitions group, has done it again.

Though writing *headlines* is its business, today Emap makes them – with every indication that it will continue to make headlines tomorrow too. After a five-year rate of growth that has seen annual pretax profits run from £3.9 million to £15 million, some pause for breath in the rate of profits growth might reasonably have been expected.

But demonstrating that *there is still lots of breath left* in it yet, Emap now turns in a 51 per cent increase in interim pretax profits from £5.6 million to £8.45 million, on a turnover that rose from £55.6 million to £84.9 million.

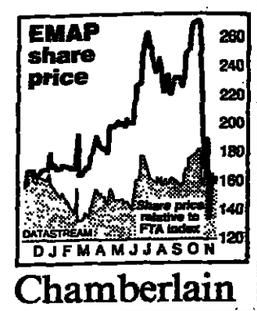
Strong, and rising, advertising revenues have clearly helped, as has the £1.2 million contribution at the *operating level from recent* acquisitions, all of which have been bedded down well.

This time round, there is a modest debit on the interest front, partly offset by a higher investment income, but organic growth is still very evident. The group currently has 200 titles under its banner, ranging from regional newspapers to consumer and business magazines, and is still acquisition minded.

The idea of a London "Fleet Street" paper, *per se*, may not be in Emap's thinking, but in time something in the United States market could be.

Meanwhile, Emap has the defensive qualities of a good product and strong market place, no overseas exposure, and a strong balance sheet, which the astute will recognize as virtues in times of troubled stock markets.

Emap is ungeared, and looks on course for pretax profits of at least £22.5 million this year – which, by chance, would allow it to boast yet another 50 per cent yearly increase. As the headline might say: Buy.



Chamberlain Phipps

The ease with which Chamberlain Phipps beat last year's forecast – and looks on target to do the same this year – suggests that much of the necessary sharpening-up was in train when Wardle Storeys launched its bid for the adhesives and shoe components group nine months ago.

Yet the bid introduced a degree of urgency at Chamberlain Phipps. It is now appreciated within the group that shareholders need concrete proof in earnings and dividends that businesses in which they invest have sound prospects

Mr David Chamberlain intends the group to achieve 20 *per cent compound earnings* growth. Part will come from organic growth and widening margins, especially from the adhesives and speciality chemicals division. But acquisitions are also on the cards.

The shoe component operation is relatively mature, providing a satisfactory return and strong cash-flow, so is unlikely to be the recipient of additional capital. Not so the speciality chemicals and adhesives division where there are considerable opportunities.

The shares are on a p/e of *10.5 times' next year's* earnings, 10 per cent above the market average. So, if earnings do grow by 20 per cent, a higher multiple could be supported.

Marshalls strong

Concrete products are not glamorous but a glance at the record of Marshalls Halifax, one of the industry's most experienced operators, shows that snazzy returns can be made.

Helped by significant market shares, Marshalls achieves a return on capital comfortably above 20 per cent, despite a heavy capital investment programme.

But other operators are *buzzing round this profitable* honeypot. Marshalls is not up for sale so the building materials leaders are setting up in competition.

This price competition has meant Marshalls has had to rely on improved efficiencies to keep margins at a satisfactory level. Volumes, however, are up 20 per cent across the board.

Marshalls' strong market position and the levelling off of growth in traditional product areas is taking the company overseas.

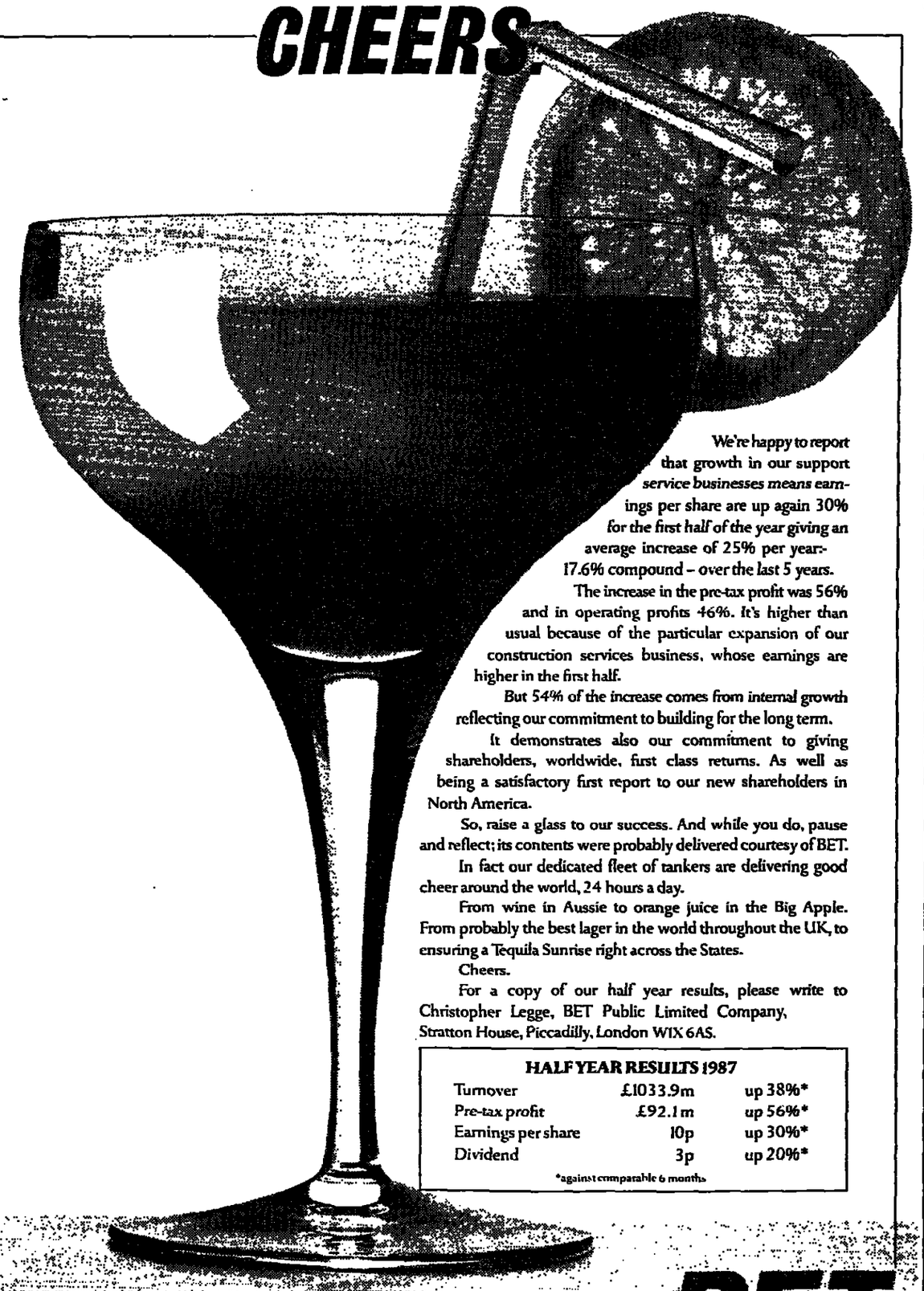
In the US the manufacturing side of this industry is fragmented while the use of the finished product is in its *infancy. An acquisition near* Atlanta will be followed by others.

Engineering accounts for 10 per cent of sales and *remains a thorn in Marshalls'* side, although it is now inflicting less pain than usual.

The division's profits nearly doubled to £350,000 *on turnover down 17 per cent* following the sale of a subsidiary.

Marshalls should make £13 million this year. The shares *usually stand on a premium* rating, and for good reason. The sale of the engineering interests adds a point or two to the p/e. Otherwise, the shares should hold their own, takeover speculation apart.

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Pre-tax profit	£92.1m	up 56%*
Earnings per share	10p	up 30%*
Dividend	3p	up 20%*

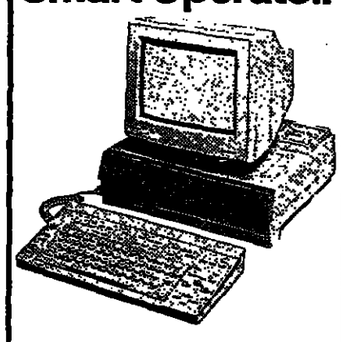
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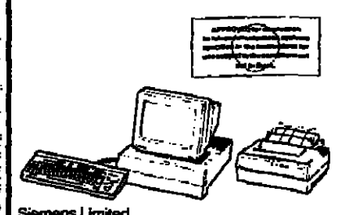
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Ibstock launches £60m takeover

By Our City Editor

Ibstock Johnsen, the building materials company, is making a £60 million offer for full control of Eucalyptus Pulp Mills, in which it holds a 43 per cent stake.

The attraction for Ibstock is the controlling stake owned by Eucalyptus in Caima, the Portuguese plantation group and wood pulp manufacturer.

Ibstock has owned shares in Eucalyptus since 1971 and has been a related company since 1981. Caima's wood pulp is distributed in Britain by Ibstock.

Mr Peter Woodman, the managing director of Ibstock, said yesterday that the acquisition would be a significant expansion of the group's successful fibre division.

"We will gain management and financial control of a substantial group investment," he added.

The deal would also strengthen the group's financial base. Caima's cash balance at the end of June was £35.6 million.

The deal is subject to a forecast from the Eucalyptus board that pretax profits for this year would be about £13 million.

Ibstock has received irrevocable undertakings in respect of almost 27 per cent of the Eucalyptus equity, which together with the shares already owned would account for almost 70 per cent of the group.

Terms of the offer are three new Ibstock shares, plus 170p cash, for each Eucalyptus share. On the basis of last Friday's prices, this values Eucalyptus shares at 563p.

BET lifts dividend 20% as half-year turnover tops £1bn

By Colin Campbell

BET, the international group with interests ranging from laundries to construction services, yesterday raised its interim dividend by 20 per cent after what it describes as a "good start" to the financial year.

While acknowledging that there could be a downturn in world economies, it none the less believes, because it can generate cash when others are short of it, that it is "almost the classic defensive stock".

Interim results released in New York and London yesterday show that for the first time interim turnover topped the £1 billion mark. Sir Hugh Dundas, the chairman, said BET was well placed for further expansion.

Pretax profits for the six months ended September 26 rose from £59.1 million to £92.1 million, and interim net earnings by 30 per cent to 10p a share. The increases fully justify a 20 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 3p a share, BET says, though Sir Hugh warns that in the second half the group will have a higher issued capital to service.

The shares slipped on the stock market from 224p to 212½p before recovering to 216p, after what proved to be over-optimistic hopes for interim profits. Some analysts had been expecting £100 million.

The group, whose managing director and chief executive is Mr Nicholas Wills, suffered a £1 million setback because of currency movements in the first half, but emphasized that while recent acquisitions had played a part in the profits growth, there had also been genuine organic growth.



'Good start': Nicholas Wills (left) and Sir Hugh Dundas

Construction services head the operating profits list at £40 million compared with £17.1 million, followed by industrial services at £31.5 million (£27.1 million), transport £15.6 million (£15.4 million) and electronics and leisure £10.2 million.

Geographically, Britain still dominates with a £77.5 million operating profit contribution, followed by Africa at £10 million and North America with £9.4 million.

With the help of the group's recent North American share issue, gearing fell from 63 per cent at the year-end to about 50 per cent, leaving net borrowings at £279 million.

BET group officials confirmed after their briefing to New York and London analysts yesterday that they remained on the look-out for further US acquisitions.

Sir Hugh said the 11 per cent increase in BET's share capital during the first half will not have its full effect until the second half. However, the 30 per cent rise in net earnings was still "a good springboard".

He added: "If there is to be a downturn in the world economy, as some predict, our high yield and our increasing emphasis on recurring revenues and long-term contracts makes us almost the classic defensive stock, with a formidable capability to generate cash when others are short of it, which can only enhance our long-term future."

Anchor resists £22m offer

By Cliff Feltham

Manchester-based Anchor Chemical Group is resisting a £22 million takeover approach from Air Products and Chemicals, the US company.

In a surprise move Air Products picked up a 29.5 per cent stake in Anchor and is seeking boardroom approval before launching a full-scale bid. But last night Anchor said the approach was "particularly unwelcome and opportunistic" and told its shareholders to sit tight.

Anchor attacked the behaviour of Mr Henry Justi, a non-executive director, whose US investment group, Leksi, sold its shares to Air Products.

The company said: "He had previously given assurances that the shareholding in Anchor held by Leksi would not be sold without prior consultation with the board of Anchor. He failed to inform the board until after the disposal. The board has not yet received his resignation."

Air Products was understood to have paid 560p a share for the stake against a price in the stock market of 425p. After the announcement the shares jumped to 545p.

Mr Robert Deacon, joint managing director of Anchor, said: "We have nothing against Air Products but we do think it would have been better if they had come to us before making this move."

Anchor made pretax profits of £1.1 million for the first six months of the year, an improvement of 74 per cent. The company is one of the few big independent speciality chemical manufacturers in Britain

COMMENT

Dithering markets now wait for G7

There is a perverse rule in financial markets that, when traders insist that the future trend depends on one or another long-awaited statistic or decision, the actual event leaves most questions unanswered. Events accorded exaggerated importance in advance often prove ambiguous. And when markets know where they are going, they do not need to wait on events. Looking to the future is an excuse for indecision.

The share markets are going through just such a water-treading phase now. Thus it was that, after the US budget plan was finally agreed, stock markets went back to wandering aimlessly and currency markets resumed selling dollars.

Analysts are already looking ahead to the next "great event": the meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations to thrash out a new agreement to resolve imbalances and stabilize markets. Despite Nigel Lawson's justified impatience, it is not likely to come soon. James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, will not go to a G7 meeting until the US Congress has passed a detailed budget. Congress has gone on holiday.

A G7 agreement would have to address two vital questions: will Germany expand its economy through government action; and will the United States recommit itself to currency order, instead of letting the dollar slide to export recession?

The lesson of the Washington budget summit is surely that a G7 meeting, if and when it comes, is unlikely to resolve these issues unambiguously. For it is not just the Americans whose room for manoeuvre is severely limited by unchanging domestic attitudes and political priorities.

German politicians face equally insistent pressures to conform to national traditions. Bundesbank president Karl Otto Pöhl succumbed to this force over his liberal interest rate policy, helping to precipitate the crash. Yesterday, it was the turn of Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg and Economics Minister Martin Bangemann – seen abroad as stern pillars of financial propriety – to be cast as irresponsible spendthrifts.

The five wise men of the council of economic advisers warned that money growth, which has burst its 3-to-6 per cent target range this year, must grow by less than 4.5 per cent in 1988 if inflationary dangers are not to get out of hand. (They forecast a rise in consumer inflation from 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent). Tax cuts, they say with one dissenting voice, are a fine thing for the economy, but should not be brought forward from 1990 to artificially stimulate an economy forecast to grow at 1.5 per cent. And they must on no account be paid for by increasing the budget deficit. They favour cutting top rates of tax and liberalizing shop-opening hours as Germany's contribution to world economic problems.

Somewhat apologetically, the two ministers issued a statement saying that in view of the shaky world economy, it might just be all right to raise the budget deficit a little, provided it was temporary. Analysts who foresee a G7 meeting where Herr Stoltenberg will offer Germany as the locomotive of the world economy are, to say the least, likely to be disappointed.

Next, the BP effect

Day one of life after the Great Deficit Settlement proved to be a non-event in financial markets. It will clearly be some time before a return to any semblance of normality. Even so, it is worth making the attempt to peer into the mists, for some secondary repercussions of the crash of '87 are likely to be significant.

Take the BP effect, for example. To the major US underwriters of the £7.4 billion share offer and especially their Canadian counterparts, the exercise has been traumatic and is certain to have a damaging effect on the way that they regard investing in Britain and British equities. Reliable sources say that the principal US underwriters of the BP issue were stunned to discover that, when the crash came, they were not able simply to pick up the 'phone and arrange for the issue to be pulled. In fact, the only individual with power to do so was none other than the Chancellor himself. As we now know, for reasons which made sound political sense for the Government, Mr Lawson was not inclined to bale out the underwriters.

There are underwriting agreements and there are underwriting agreements. Some are more restrictive than others. Some favour the investor, some the issuer. In the case of BP, the agreement gave the underwriters fewer options than they liked. The vendor, Her Majesty's Government, was free from most of the pressures that would have inclined a company vendor to have listened sympathetically to cries for help from financial institutions. Companies need a healthy, long-term working relationship with these institutions who are frequently the major suppliers of fresh equity capital. Mr Lawson's priorities are clearly elsewhere. The inability of American houses to invoke a simple *force majeure* clause is, however unfairly, likely to lead to a wariness of all things foreign together with a human, if not entirely logical, determination to play for the time being in their own back yard.

Just how much direct investment and corporate finance business is lost to London through the BP effect remains to be seen. However, it is almost certain to be merely one of the negative and less direct consequences of the crash. Others, unfortunately, will emerge in due course.

Diploma cautious after market fall

By Our City Editor

The stock market crash since mid-October has injected a note of caution at Diploma, a leading electronic components distribution company.

Mr Christopher Thomas, the chairman, said: "Without wishing to join those talking us into a recession, demand prospects must be lower, and the company's markets must be affected."

Barring the turmoil in financial markets, the company would have been optimistic, he said in a statement accompanying full-year profits.

"I would otherwise have been optimistic about the prospects of the group and remain so relative to the competitive influences in our market places."

Mr Thomas declared himself pleased with the all-round performance, which produced a 14 per cent margin on turnover and good cash flow. Profits for the 12 months to September 30 rose to £15.4 million, compared with £12.5 million last time. Earnings per share before extraordinary items improved from 13.1p per share last year to 16.7p.

The increased interim dividend is followed by a final payment of 4.5p a share, compared with 4p last year, making a total of 6p against 5.25p.

Grenada and C&W in joint venture

Cable and Wireless announced yesterday that it and the government of Grenada had agreed to form a joint company to operate all internal and external telecommunications services in the state.

The new company will take over the assets of the Grenada Telephone Company, and C&W's assets on both Grenada and the neigbouring island of Carriacou.

A C&W spokesman said formal discussions would begin early next year to determine the structure of the joint venture company, which is expected to begin business on July 1, 1988.

Imro hits out at SIB over delays

By Lawrence Lever

Imro, the self-regulating organization for investment managers, yesterday delivered a thinly-veiled criticism of the Securities and Investments Board, the watchdog for investor protection when the Financial Services Act comes into force next year.

In submitting the final text of its rulebook for approval to the SIB, Mr John Morgan, the Imro chief-executive said: "There comes a time when the drafting has to stop and investor protection starts.

"We wanted to submit our final rules earlier than this. We have been unable to do so largely because of the process of re-drafting and amendment of the SIB's own rules, to which, under the legislation, ours have to show overall equivalence."

The SIB has been criticized by various sections of the investment industry. Its relations with the Securities Association, another intended self-regulating organization, reached a low point two months ago.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, has also criticized the SIB. While recognizing the "formidable achievement" of finalizing the new investor protection structure, he said, "the practitioners' contribution has been overshadowed."

Triplex Lloyd in Seaboard sell-offs

By John Bell, City Editor

Triplex Lloyd Group has revealed more restructuring moves in the wake of the merger of the foundry groups FH Lloyd and Triplex last summer, which created the group in its new form.

Early in the month, the group made a start on its problematic marine and offshore engineering division, which lost about £1 million on sales of £7 million in the previous financial year. Welin Lambie, which made lifeboats, was closed.

Yesterday came news that Seaboard Lloyd Inc and Seaboard Lloyd Ltd, which both make oil wellhead equipment, are to be sold off to their existing managements.

The decision follows a strategic review which concluded that both concerns were unlikely to be able to meet the performance criteria of the new group either in the long or short term.

The group's 80 per cent shareholding in Seaboard Lloyd Inc is being sold to Mr Matt Harwell, the chief executive of the US company, who already owns a 20 per cent interest. Mr Harwell has agreed to pay 50 cents for the shares and also make repayment of $1.79 million (£1 million) of loans to the group. As part of the transaction, the US company is transferring its 25 per cent stake in Seaboard Lloyd Ltd to Triplex Lloyd.

The remainder of the group loans to Seaboard Lloyd Inc are to be restructured through the issue of a $1.66 million loan note repayable within 10 years. The group is also to receive preference shares worth $510,000.

The executives of Seaboard Lloyd Ltd are buying the company for £20,000 in cash. In addition, Seaboard Lloyd Ltd will pay £200,000 to Triplex Lloyd over the next year as well as repaying £300,000 of inter-company debt.

The disposals will considerably enhance the profitability of the group and reduce its borrowing, Triplex Lloyd said yesterday.

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Goalden days for the Dow

If, at the beginning of next year, your stockbroker says he cannot talk to you because he is watching an American football game on the telly, do not immediately assume he is goofing off. It is quite possible that, having been caught out by the other financial barometers, he has become a convert to the Super Bowl stock theory. Leonard Koppett, a former sports writer for sober *The New York Times*, crystallized the theory a decade ago as a guide to future stock market trends. The drift of the thing is that if the annual Super Bowl series, played each January, is won by a team that once belonged to the American Football League, the market will finish the year – 11 months later – lower than at the end of the previous year. However, if it did not, the market will finish higher. Koppett, who has remained in the newspaper business despite, one presumes, a stream of job offers from Wall Street, says the theory has held good for the past 20 years – give or take a minor aberration here and there. Since Wall Street, London and everywhere else seem to be following the same piper, the theory also has important implications for British investors. Now, it just so happens that last January's Super Bowl was won by the New York Giants. Is this good or bad news? Well, apparently these particular Giants never belonged to the AFL and therefore – hurrah, hurrah – everything should be just dandy come January 1. The Dow Jones index closed on December 31 1986 at 1,895.95. It is now just above 1,900. Koppett swears that on Thursday, December 31, the Dow should close no lower than 1,895.96 or he is a Dutchman. I am afraid I can only guess at the ethnic origins of the name Koppett.



"It's the only way he can get to print their programmes"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Indians turn the tables

Show a man how to avoid tax and he will follow you to the strangest places. High-rolling Americans are now discovering the joys of some new tax-free casinos in upstate New York run by Mohawk Indians. The St Regis Indian Reservation – once described by one Indian as a "little red Peyton Place" – has been turned by the Mohawks into a racy gambling strip. Because the courts have ruled that the Mohawks and New York's eight other Indian tribes are independent "nations," the state has no authority to enforce its gambling or tax laws on Indian reservations. It is no Rossminster, but these days every cent counts.

Each-way BET

Seven London stockbroking analysts will have no excuse for dirty shirts when they return today from BET's whistle-stop visit to New York. The international services group yesterday broke fresh ground when it presented half-year figures to its new American investors in New York. London had to drum its fingers till midafternoon waiting for the announcement, which was timed so that Wall Street could digest the results following BET's recent issue of American Depository Receipts. All in all, a brave move considering BET issued its stock to American investors at 284p: yesterday the shares were fetching 216p. But do not think the trip was all fun. Lest the highly paid analysts had lost touch with the common man, BET led them round a local laundry. Now BET is planning stock exchange listings in Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Paris and Zurich. They also have laundries.

The 50% solution

"In 1988, there will be more cases of insider dealing heading for the courts," say the sibyls at the Economist Intelligence Unit. Well, thank goodness there will be something for us to be indignant about. According to the EIU's new report, *The World In 1988*, next year will also see "some big new players walking the Square Mile. Among the home teams will be British building societies . . . Among the foreigners yet to make their mark, but marking their time, are the Japanese . . . Nomura will lead the attack on London, and not far behind will be Japan's other three big securities houses: Daiwa, Yamaichi and Nikko." The EIU reckons unemployment will fall to 2.6 million, and that the Chancellor will be thriftier than recently with tax cuts. "Politically, it makes no sense to concede such big tax reductions only a year after winning an election. And a rising balance of payments deficit will be a good excuse for a bit more parsimony." Nigel Lawson "will not, however, index all the excise and licence duties fully because he will be preoccupied with inflation. There will be a brief spell of 12 per cent base rates. All this adds up to a deferment of the promised fall in the basic rate of income tax to 25 per cent. The higher rates are another matter, however, for in this case it makes political sense to act soon. A 50 per cent top rate of tax by April is on the cards." At that kind of rate, will it be worth bothering with insider dealing?

Joe Joseph

HK crash losses 'minor' says China

From Robert Grieves
Hong Kong

China's state-owned banking group in Hong Kong suffered only a "minor loss" in the Colony's stock market crash last month but provincial Chinese financial institutions may have suffered greater losses, according to a Chinese spokesman in Hong Kong.

Mr Xu Jiatun, director of the Hong Kong branch of the New China News Agency, admitted that provincial entities suffered "some losses" in the crash.

Mr Xu's comments marked China's first admission that it had sustained any losses on the Hong Kong Exchange.

China does not reveal its equity holdings in Hong Kong but Western analysts in Peking put the central government's stake in the Hong Kong market at roughly $8 billion (£5 billion) or 10 per cent of its total $80 billion capitalization before the crash.

China's capitalization is estimated to have declined by $30 billion to $50 billion after October 19.

In addition to Bank of China, some of its 14 sister banks manage investments in the market. China owns a 12.7 per cent stake in Cathay Pacific Airways whose stock is traded on the Hong Kong Exchange.

WORLD MARKETS ROUND-UP: SYDNEY

Nervous investors 'pass the buck'

From Richard Battley
Sydney

Australian investors yesterday declined to judge the efficacy of the $76 billion US deficit-reducing accord. Tokyo, the key market in the southern hemisphere, was closed because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday, and without its lead, brokers said, the market was waiting for a reaction from London or Wall Street.

"We pass the buck," one broker said. "We are trend followers, not trendsetters."

The all-ordinaries index, the market's main indicator, eased 6 points to close at 1,249. Turnover was a low 89 million shares.

Analysts were sceptical that the New York market would react positively after studying the cuts.

"The feeling is that investors will realize the cuts have not gone far enough," one said, "and will push the Dow down."

December share price index futures reflected the nervousness, falling six points to close at 1,166, a pessimistic 83-point discount to the physical market.

Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Resources was again targeted by mystery overseas traders. However, on a turnover of 5.7 million shares, it eased 5 cents to close at Aus$1.75.

In spite of an abundance of rumoured buyers, including Standard Chartered Bank, Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, and Elders Investments, brokers concede they are no closer to knowing the identity of the buyer of about 8 per cent of the company since last Monday. Bell Group, Mr Holmes à Court's flagship, fell 5 cents to Aus$1.90.

Elders IXL was also heavily traded, jumping 13 cents to Aus$3.15 on a turnover of 3.27 million shares. Brokers said the high turnover was options-related, with strong overseas demand being reported.

FAI Insurances was believed to be the buyer of 7 million Ariadne shares, discarded by an overseas seller at 53 cents each. The shares closed two cents higher on a turnover of 7.7 million shares.

Industrial stocks sold the most with the sectors index closing 16 points lower at 1,936 points.

Firmer base metal prices stabilized resources shares, however, enabling the resources index to close 0.6 points higher at 723. Gold issues failed to react to a US$4.60 jump in the gold price to US$469.60 announced in New York on Friday and the gold index dropped 5 points to 1,845.

NEW YORK

Early setback for Dow

New York (Agencies) – The Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 11 points to 1,902.63 in early trading yesterday. Declining shares outnumbered rising ones by seven to four.

Brokers reported that trading was thin before the Thanksgiving holiday

● Tulsa, Oklahoma – Telex Corporation reported that its talks with TLX Acquisition Corporation, a company controlled by Mr Asher Edelman, an investor, related to the possibility that TLX may terminate its $65 a share tender offer for Telex and support its proposed recapitalization.

Such actions would be conditional on Telex agreeing to reimburse TLX Acquisition for all its expenses

	Nov 20	Nov 19		Nov 20	Nov 19		Nov 20	Nov 19
AMR Cp	31¼	31½	Firestone	33¼	33¼	Pepsico	37¼	32¾
ASA	44¼	44½	Fst Chicago	21¼	22	Pfizer	51¾	50
Aetna Life	49	48¾	Fst Int Bncp	40	39½	Phelps Dod	37¾	37¾
Allied Signal	30½	30½	*Fst Penn C*	8¾	8¾	Philip Mor	88	88
Alls Chim	1½	1¾	FT Wachva	32¾	32¾	Philip Pet	10¾	10¾
Alcoa	44¾	42¾	Ford Motor	75¾	75	Polaroid	20¼	21
Amax Inc	17	16½	GAF Cp	43¾	44¼	Primerica	25½	26¼
AMR Hess	23¼	23¾	GTE Cp	36¾	36	Proct Gble	85¾	85¾
Am Brands	41½	41¾	Gen Cp	68¼	68¼	Pub S E G	24¼	24¼
Am Cynmd	36¼	36¼	Gn Dynam	47¼	47¾	Raytheon	66¾	67¼
Am Ele Pwr	26	26½	Gen Electric	45¾	44¼	Rychdn Med	44¼	43¾
Amexs	23¾	23½	Gen Inst	23¼	23¼	Rockwell Int	18½	18¾
Am Home	69¼	69¾	Gen Mills	45¼	45¾	Royal Dutch	106½	106¾
Am Int Grp	63½	63¾	Gen Motors	60¾	59¼	SFE Sopac	49¼	49¾
Am Stand	35¼	35¼	Gen Pub Ut	23¾	23¾	Sara Lee	34¾	34½
Am Telph	29¼	29¾	Genesco	3½	3¾	Schlumb	31½	30¾
Amoco Cp	67¾	66	Georgia Pac	31¾	31½	Scott Pap	63¾	64¾
Armco Steel	8¾	8¼	Gillette	29¾	29¾	Seagram	55	55¾
Asarco Inc	23¾	23¼	*Goodrich*	31¾	32	Sears Roeb	35¼	35¾
Ashland Oil	51½	51¼	Goodyear	49¾	48¾	Shell Trans	70¾	70¾
Atl Richfld	71¾	70¾	Gould Inc	12¾	12¾	Singer	53¾	53¾
Avon Prod	24½	23¾	Grace Co	43¾	43	Smith Beck	46	47¼
Bk Boston	22¼	22¾	Grt Atl Pac	34¾	35	Sony Cp	35¼	34¾
Bank NY	28¾	28	Greyhnd	25	25¾	Sth Cal Ed	31¼	31
Bankamer	8¼	8¼	Grumman	22¾	24¾	SW Bell	35¾	35½
Bkrs Tst NY	30½	29¾	Gulf & West	67¾	67½	Squibb	64½	66¼
Baxter	22¾	22¾	Heinz	38	37¾	Stan Brands	47¾	48¾
Bath Steel	13	12¾	Hercules	45¾	45¾	Stevens JP	28¾	27¾
Beazer	36¾	36¼	Hewlett Pk	50¼	49¾	Sun Comp	49¾	48¾
Boeing	62	62¾	Honeywell	56¼	56¾	TRW Inc	72¼	72¾
Boise Casc	44¾	44	IC Ind	28¾	28¾	Teledyne	265¼	277½
Borden	47¾	48¼	ITT Cp	41¾	41¾	Tenneco	41¼	40¾
Bristol Meyr	53¾	53¾	INCO	15¼	15¾	Texaco	28¾	29¾
BP	15¼	15¼	Ing Rand Wi	30½	30½	Tex Eastn	22¼	22
Brunswick	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	23¾	22¾	Texas Inst	40¾	39¾
Burl Ind	56¼	56¾	IBM	117¾	116¼	Tex Util	29¼	29¾
Burl Nth	162½	157½	*Int Paper*	37¾	38¾	Textron	22	21½
CBS	13¾	13¾	Irving Bk	50¾	48¾	Travelers	35¾	35¾
CMS Engy	38	38¾	Jhan & Jhan	77¾	76¼	USG	29¾	28¾
CPC Int	26	26	K Mart	28	28	USX Cp	27	28
CSX Cp	57¾	57	Kaisertech	10¾	10¾	Unilever Plc	32¼	32¾
Cmpbell Sp	14½	14¼	Kerr McGee	31¼	31½	Un Carbide	21¾	21¾
Can Pacific	57½	56	Kimbrly Clrk	53¾	53¾	Un Pac Cp	53½	52¾
Caterpillar	49	47¾	Kradt	30	30	Unisys Cp	30¾	31
Centrl SW	30	30¼	Kroger	26¼	25¾	Utd Brands	41¼	41½
Champion	26½	26	LTV Cp	2¾	2¾	Utd Tech	31	31¾
Chase Man	75¾	76¼	Litton	76¼	76¼	Unocal	25¾	25¾
Chem NY	27½	27¾	*Lockheed*	38¾	38	Walter Jim	59¾	59¾
Chevron	38¾	38¾	Lucky Str	23¾	24¼	Warn Lamb	66¾	68
Chrysler	22¾	22½	Man H'nwr	28	28¼	Wells Far	40¾	40¾
Citicorp	19	18½	Manville	2¾	2¾	Westg El	45¾	45¾
Clark Eq	23¾	21¼	Mapco	41¾	41¾	Weyerhsr	37¾	35¾
Coca Cola	39¾	38¾	Marine Mid	82¼	82¼	Whirlpool	26¾	26¾
Colgate	39¾	38¾	Mt Marrietta	39¾	41¾	Woolworth	33¾	34
Columb Gas	37½	38	Masco	22¼	22¼	Xerox Cp	56¾	56¾
Cmb'tn Eng	29¾	28¾	Mcdonalds	45	44¾	Zenith	13¾	13¾
Cmwlth Edi	28¾	29	McDonnell	56¾	55¾			
Cons Edis	43½	43¾	Mead Cp	27¾	28¼			
Consol Ng	37½	37	Merck	172¾	170¾			
Cont Data	22¾	22	Minsts Mng	64	61½			
Corning Gl	48¾	47¼	Mobil	37	34¾			
Crane	20¾	19¾	Monsanto	70¾	71¼			
Curtiss Wrt	45	45	Morgan Jp	34¾	34¾			
Data Genl	21¼	21¾	Motorola	42¾	40¾			
Deere Co	30½	29¾	NCR	61¼	61¾			
Delta Airl	35¾	35	NL Indstrs	5¾	5¾			
Detroit Edi	13¾	13¾	Nat Distill	56	56¼			
Digital Eq	124½	128¼	Nat Mid Ent	19	18¾			
Disney	53	53¾	Nat Semi	11¾	11¾			
Dow Chem	80¾	80	Norfolk Sth	23¾	23			
Dressr Ind	22¼	22¾	NW Bancrp	35¾	35¾			
Dupont	81¼	80¾	Occid Petl	24¼	24¾			
Duke Pwr	44¾	45	Ogden Cp	23¾	24¼			
East Kodak	47¾	47½	Olin Cp	37	36¼			
Eaton Cp	68	66¾	PPG Ind	35	33¼			
Emerson El	30¾	29	Pac Gas El	18	18			
Emery Air	4¾	4¾	Pan Am	3¾	3¾			
Exxon	40¾	39¾	Penney JC	45¼	44¾			
Farah Inc	8	7¾	Pennzoil	70¾	72¼			
Fedders	5¾	5¾						

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	22½	22¾
Alcan Alum	32¼	31¾
Algoma Stl	14¾	14¾
Can Pacific	19	19¼
Cominco	12¾	11¾
Con Bathrst	16	16¾
Hawk S Can	20	20
Hud Bay M	18¾	18¾
Imasco	25½	26
Imperial Oil	49¾	48¾
Int Pipe	40¾	40½
Royl Trstco	13¾	13¾
Seagram	72	73
Shalco 'A'	29¾	30
Thmsn N 'A'	25¾	25¾
Varity Cp	2¾	2¾
WCT	15¾	15¾
Weston	31	32

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	157	Coats	1,118	Land Sec	1,057	Rowntree	821
Allid-Lyons	563	CU	566	Laporte	71	Royal Bank	2,453
Amstrad	1,328	Cons Gold	178	L&G	865	Royal Ins	1,214
ASDA	2,335	Cookson	181	Lloyds	2,240	Saatchi	880
AB Foods	302	Courtaulds	482	Lonrho	742	Sainsbury	880
Argyll	617	Dalgety	462	Lucas	318	Scot & N	336
BAA	482	Dee	3,434	Magnet	212	Sears	1,488
BET	*1,810*	*Dixons*	*1,186*	M&S	1,251	Sedgwick	757
BTR	857	ECC	377	Maxwell Cm	682	Shell	1,248
BAT	4,285	Enterprise	197	MEPC	884	Smith & N	835
Barclays	1,889	Ferranti	662	Metal Box	352	STC	6,044
Bass	291	Fisons	546	Midland	453	Stan Chart	135
Beecham	3,111	Gen Acc	203	NatWest	1,702	Storehse	173
Beazer	654	GEC	5,820	Next	1,227	Sun Allnce	264
BICC	554	Glaxo	1,5900	Nth Food	230	T & N	408
Blue Arrow	4,551	Globe	46	P&O	831	Tarmac	570
Blue Circle	921	Granada	735	Pearl	252	Tate & Lyle	89
BOC	1,047	Grand Met	722	Pearson	213	TSB	1,323
Boots	1,205	GUS 'A'	139	Pilkington	2,241	Tesco	820
BPB	234	GRE	144	Plessey	3,862	Thorn EMI	3,514
Br Aero	*2,821*	*GKN*	*850*	*Prudential*	450	Trafalgar	814
Br Airways	2,127	Guinness	3,228	Racal	1,651	THF	978
Br Comm	431	Hamm 'A'	227	Rk Hovis	639	Ultramar	796
Br Gas	10,308	Hanson	5,345	Rank	578	Unigate	176
Br Petrol	2,870	Hawker	78	R&C	233	Unilever	617
Br Telecm	2,602	Hawley	1,054	Redland	552	United Bis	1,188
Britoil	3,159	Hillsdown	840	Reed	2,828	Utd News	92
Bunzl	255	IMI	129	Reuters	1,309	Wellcome	1 866
Burmah	44	ICI	1,871	RMC Gp	217	Whitbrd	1,539
Burton	1,349	Jaguar	14,966	RTZ	258	Willis Fab	568
C&W	3,623	Lasmo	1,357	R-Royce	963	Woolworth	156
Cadbury	1,567	Ladbroke	996	Rothmn 'B'	416	Equities page 29	

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allid Lyon...	300	46	65	75	17	20	26
(*337)	330	28	43	56	28	35	40
	360	16	28	38	43	53	58
Bass	750	90	105	35	80	90	95
(*780)	800	55	69	80	83	90	95
	850	17	40	60	100	113	123
Brit Air	130	25	33	38	10	14	18
(*144)	140	19	27	32	14	18	22
	160	9	17	23	24	28	33
Brit Com	300	40	65	78	25	35	45
(*325)	330	25	43	55	40	56	60
	360	15	25	45	60	75	80
Brit Gas	120	18	23	29	6	10	14
(*129)	130	11	18	22	12	18	20
	140	—	14	16	—	23	26
BP	240	23	35	40	10	20	28
(*249)	260	14	22	33	23	28	37
	280	—	17	25	—	42	50
Britoil	200	18	25	33	30	38	43
(*187)	220	12	18	27	42	50	55
	240	8	13	22	58	65	70
Cons Gold	700	105	120	140	80	80	110
(*728)	750	75	100	120	85	110	130
	800	53	75	95	120	140	160
Courtauld	300	62	82	93	14	23	30
(*342)	330	43	63	72	24	35	45
	360	30	48	58	43	50	58
Com Union	280	42	55	65	15	30	40
(*298)	300	35	45	58	30	45	55
	330	25	35	45	55	65	75
C & W	260	55	72	86	7	25	37
(*294)	280	43	56	73	25	35	50
	300	32	47	60	43	47	60
	330	18	35	50	60	67	72
GEC	160	23	33	40	10	14	18
(*171)	180	11	20	30	20	28	30
	200	5	13	22	35	40	45
GKN	240	43	53	63	11	15	23
(*268)	260	33	43	53	23	30	45
	280	22	35	45	33	45	55
	300	15	25	38	48	62	70
Grand Met	360	55	65	78	15	25	33
(*385)	390	37	48	65	30	40	47
	420	23	35	50	48	53	60
	450	13	20	30	75	75	80
ICI	950	115	150	170	45	75	90
(*1014)	1000	85	115	145	65	100	120
	1050	63	95	120	100	125	145
	1100	42	80	98	130	150	170
Jaguar	280	58	67	80	15	27	33
(*300)	300	45	55	68	22	35	45
Land Sec	380	78	85	100	13	20	25
(*440)	420	50	62	80	27	33	45
	460	35	45	63	49	53	60
M & S	180	20	28	36	15	20	24
(*182)	200	8	20	26	26	32	36
	220	4	14	17	42	48	50
R-Royce	110	13	20	25	12	16	19
(*116)	120	8	15	21	18	22	25
	130	5	12	15	30	32	36
	140	4	9	15	33	36	38
Shell	950	85	115	155	55	90	110
(*980)	1000	65	100	137	75	120	145
	1050	47	85	115	100	145	168
Stanshse	220	55	68	73	9	16	20
(*263)	240	38	50	58	15	22	27
	260	25	40	45	35	43	47
	280	17	33	45	55	55	60
Trafalgar	280	50	60	68	12	17	23
(*319)	300	32	48	55	32	30	38
	330	20	35	45	53	45	53
TSB	100	14	18	23	8	10	13
(*105)	110	10	13	17	12	15	18
	120	7	11	14	20	23	25
Wolworth	260	45	58	70	12	17	23
(*288)	280	30	50	55	23	26	30
	300	18	35	45	45	50	55
	330	11	25	35	65	68	70

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Amstrad	100	25	30	35	8	13	15
(*114)	110	13	20	28	12	17	23
	120	10	12	20	22	22	25
Barclays	420	35	55	55	20	—	—
(*438)	460	20	37	50	45	55	70
	500	8	25	32	70	80	90
Beecham	360	80	100	115	4	8	15
(*437)	390	60	80	95	8	13	20
	420	40	60	78	20	28	35
	460	17	40	58	45	50	60
Boots	220	17	30	39	2	5	8
(*219)	240	8	20	32	22	25	28
	260	5	15	21	47	50	57
BTR	240	32	43	50	9	15	22
(*262)	260	20	35	38	15	23	32
	280	10	25	30	28	35	40
Blue Circ	300	35	45	55	6	15	20
(*340)	330	25	35	37	17	22	30
	360	11	20	33	37	40	45
Distnrs	220	20	28	38	15	22	28
(*225)	240	16	28	28	27	35	40
	260	5	15	28	43	48	53
De Beers	1050	60	—	—	130	—	—
(*690)	1100	30	—	—	200	—	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
De Beers	1200	15	—	—	300	—	—
	1300	10	—	—	400	—	—
Glaxo	1000	95	150	195	35	75	100
(*1052)	1050	80	130	170	60	100	130
	1100	40	105	150	90	120	150
	1150	28	85	130	125	155	180
Hanson	110	22	25	30	1¼	6	9
(*130)	120	14	18	24	4½	10	14
	130	7	12	19	9	15	19
	140	4	9	15	16	20	25
Lonrho	200	22	33	43	15	32	27
(*209)	220	10	28	32	25	32	40
	240	—	14	23	—	47	55
	260	—	9	15	—	67	73
Midland	320	47	62	77	7	17	25
(*365)	360	25	50	60	25	40	50
	390	20	30	45	40	55	65
Sears	120	17	24	30	6	11	15
(*127)	130	10	17	23	13	17	21
	140	7	12	16	22	25	28
Tesco	140	25	33	38	4	10	13
(*160)	160	—	23	28	—	17	22
	180	2	16	—	28	32	—
Thorn EMI	420	120	137	155	8	15	20
(*528)	460	84	100	120	13	22	30
	500	52	72	82	27	37	50
	550	24	45	68	50	60	78
THF	180	35	40	52	10	18	30
(*205)	200	18	30	40	15	25	40
	220	8	20	25	30	43	50
Unilever	420	57	75	90	12	27	37
(*460)	460	30	57	70	27	37	50
	500	17	37	52	55	67	80
Wellcome	330	55	70	85	10	17	30
(*373)	360	33	50	65	20	30	45
	390	18	35	50	45	50	60

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA	90	25	30	—	3	8	13
(*108)	100	20	27	30	8	13	19
	110	15	20	25	20	25	28
Brit Aero	300	55	65	75	25	40	45
(*323)	330	37	50	58	45	57	57
	360	25	38	—	58	75	—
BAT Ind	390	75	88	100	28	50	60
(*440)	420	53	65	80	45	65	68
	460	35	47	58	80	85	78
	500	20	32	41	75	90	—
Brit Tele	220	25	30	40	5	8	11
(*224)	240	15	22	30	15	20	23
	260	7	16	—	35	38	—
Cadbury	200	34	45	45	1	6	8
(*220)	220	21	28	35	13	19	22
	240	12	17	22	22	28	32
Guinness	220	23	30	32	3	7	10
(*247)	240	13	20	25	13	18	22
	260	8	13	18	28	32	35
Ladbroke	280	55	65	68	5	13	18
(*314)	300	40	55	58	15	23	28
	330	27	38	45	30	38	43
Lasmo	200	45	53	57	5	10	13
(*219)	220	27	38	40	15	20	25
	240	20	28	32	28	32	35
Pilkingtn	180	52	62	67	1	3	5
(*213)	200	37	47	57	3	8	12
	220	22	35	45	13	20	25
	240	17	25	35	28	32	38
Plessey	130	28	38	45	2	5	8
(*134)	140	14	28	38	5	8	12
	160	10	14	20	25	28	32
P & O	420	85	100	—	15	23	28
(*485)	460	55	75	100	28	35	43
	500	35	55	70	50	55	60
Prudential	750	95	135	—	45	55	65
(*790)	800	75	105	120	65	80	90
	850	50	75	95	105	120	130
Racal	200	45	53	—	11	13	15
(*230)	220	33	43	45	18	23	28
	240	22	33	—	28	35	38
RTZ	280	75	90	—	15	22	27
(*313)	300	58	70	—	28	35	40
	330	43	58	—	45	55	60
	360	28	45	55	68	80	85
Vaal Reef	100	11	16	20	15	17	20
(*99)	110	7	11	—	23	23	—
	120	5	8	—	32	32	—
Tr 11¾%	102	5⅝	5⅝	—	—	—	—
1991	104	3⅝	3⅝	—	—	—	—
(*£107)	106	1⅝	1⅝	—	—	—	—
	108	⅝	⅝	—	—	—	—
Tr 11¾%	114	5/16	5/16	7/16	—	—	—
03/07	116	3/16	3/16	—	—	—	—
(*£120)	118	1/16	3/16	—	—	—	—
	120	1/16	1/16	—	—	—	—
	122	1/16	1/16	—	—	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*1653)

Series	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Dec	Jan	Feb
1550	125	170	200	230	20	50	90	110
1600	80	140	170	200	30	75	105	130
1650	45	115	145	180	45	100	130	155
1700	27	90	122	155	73	125	155	185
1750	5	70	105	135	110	157	185	215
1800	4	53	85	120	155	192	215	240
1850	3	40	73	—	205	230	250	—
1900	2	30	61	—	255	270	285	—

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1	Amber Day	Drapery,Stores	
2	Hay (Norman)	Industrials E-K	
3	Fisher (A)	Foods	
4	Tyne Tees TV	Cinemas, TV	
5	Volex	Electricals	
6	Cosalt	Industrials A-D	
7	Victor Products	Industrials S-Z	
8	Grand Met (sa)	Hotels, Caterers	
9	Pentland Ind	Industrials L-R	
10	Fobel	Industrials E-K	
11	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
12	Taylor Woodrow	Building,Roads	
13	Midsummer	Leisure	
14	Br Telecom (sa)	Electricals	
15	Egerton Trust	Property	
16	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
17	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
18	Magnet (sa)	Building,Roads	
19	Bass (sa)	Breweries	
20	Ranger	Oil & Gas	
21	Chesterfield	Property	
22	Bunzl (sa)	Paper,Print,Adv	
23	Tomkinsons	Textiles	
24	Highgate & Job	Industrials E-K	
25	Borland	Electricals	
26	Lec Refrigeration	Electricals	
27	Argyll (sa)	Foods	
28	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
29	RHP	Industrials L-R	
30	Lon Securities	Property	
31	MEPC (sa)	Property	
32	AAF Inv	Industrials A-D	
33	Dixons Grp (sa)	Drapery,Stores	
34	Beckman (A)	Textiles	
35	Parker Knoll 'A'	Industrials L-R	
36	Assoc Newspaper	Newspapers,Pub	
37	Freshbake	Foods	
38	Cumford Eng	Industrials A-D	
39	Federated Hsg	Building,Roads	
40	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
41	House Of Lerose	Drapery,Stores	
42	Smith (WH) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
43	Int Signal & Control	Electricals	
44	Wyndham Eng	Industrials S-Z	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
99⅛	95⅞	Treas 7¾%	1985-88	99⅛	..	7.8 8.451
102⅝	94¼	Exch 10%	1988	100⅛	..	10.4 8.861
101⅜	94	Treas C9¾%	1988	100⅜	..	9.7 8.653
98	92⅛	Treas 3%	1978-88	97¼	-⅛	3.1 6.743
101⅜	94⅛	Treas 9¾%	1988	100⅜	..	9.4 8.682
105¼	95½	Treas 11¾%	1989	103	..	11.2 8.846
104⅜	97⅛	Treas 10¾%	1989	102¼	-⅛	10.2 8.788
103⅝	96⅛	Exch 10%	1989	101½	..	9.8 8.849
108	95⅝	Exch 10½%	1989	105	-⅛	9.8 7.461
109⅜	97⅛	Exch 10¾%	1989	103⅝	-⅛	10.6 8.820
105⅛	89⅛	Treas 5%	1986-89	99⅝	..	5.2 7.399
106⅜	92⅛	Treas 9%	1989	103⅛	-⅛	9.4 8.732
107⅜	90⅝	Conv 9¼%	2005	102⅜	..	9.3 9.185
118¾	90¼	Exch 12¼%	2005	111½	..	9.4 9.185
132⅛	111⅛	Treas 12¾%	2003-05	126⅝	..	9.8 9.236
99⅞	79⅞	Treas 6%	2002-06	88¾	..	6.8 9.116
110⅜	93⅛	Conv 9¼%	2008	102⅝	..	9.8 9.216
123⅛	103⅛	Exch 12¼%	2007-12	119⅜	..	9.8 9.321
99⅛	85⅝	Treas 9%	1990	94⅜	..	9.0 9.111
142	121¾	Treas 13¾%	2004-08	136¼	..	10.0 9.293
104⅞	89⅛	Treas 9%	2008	98	..	9.2 9.238
105	94⅜	Treas 10¼%	1999	99⅝	..	9.7 9.096
94⅜	80⅛	Treas 9%	2009	89¾	..	8.9 9.093
102	89⅜	Conv 9%	2011	96¼	..	8.1 9.146
89⅝	58⅞	Treas 5¼%	2008-12	85⅝	..	6.2 8.881
89⅝	58⅞	Treas 5¼%	2012-15	85⅝	..	6.2 8.881
134⅛	118⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	128	-¼	9.4 9.156
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
118½	107	Treas 12¾%	1992	112⅝	..	11.3 8.999
106¾	92¼	Treas 10%	1993	103⅛	..	9.7 8.913
108⅜	95⅞	Treas C10¼%	1990	104⅝	..	10.0 9.048
99⅞	79⅞	Treas 9%	1992	95⅝	..	8.5 8.828
99	89¼	Treas 9%	1992	96⅝	..	8.5 8.828
117	100¼	Exch 12¼%	1992	111⅝	..	10.8 9.040
121	104¼	Exch 13¼%	1992	116⅝	..	11.6 9.040
107¾	93⅞	Treas 10%	1993	103⅛	..	9.6 9.002
116½	107⅞	Treas 12¼%	1993	114⅝	..	10.8 8.984
95⅜	81¾	Fund 9%	1993	93⅝	..	6.8 7.944
125¾	107⅞	Treas 13¼%	1992-96	120⅝	..	11.0 9.060
125¾	107⅞	Treas 13¼%	2001	120⅝	..	11.0 9.060
120¾	103¾	Exch 12¼%	1994	115⅝	..	10.8 9.204
124¾	108¾	Exch 13¼%	1994	120⅝	..	11.2 9.172
103¾	89¾	Treas 9%	1994	99⅝	..	9.0 9.060
103¾	89¾	Treas 9%	1994	99⅝	..	9.0 9.060
118½	105½	Treas 12%	1995	113⅜	..	10.5 9.244
84¼	75½	Gas 3%	1990-95	81½	..	3.7 6.184
109¾	97⅛	Exch 10¾%	1995	105⅛	..	10.7 9.220
123¼	106	Treas 12¼%	1995	119⅛	..	11.2 9.266
130¾	116	Treas 14%	1996	125⅝	..	11.9 9.331
102⅝	89	Treas 9%	1992-96	99⅜	..	9.1 9.031
129¾	118¼	Treas 15½%	1996	132⅝	..	12.2 9.353
127⅛	109⅜	Exch 13¼%	1996	122⅝	..	11.6 9.330
89⅛	80	Reinst 3%	1986	85⅝	..	3.5 ..
108¾	92⅛	Conv 10%	1996	103⅜	..	9.6 9.297
128⅜	113½	Treas 13¼%	1997	123⅛	..	10.8 9.377
111½	95	Exch 10¾%	1997	107⅝	..	9.9 9.311
119¾	101	Exch 11¾%	1997	114⅝	..	10.3 9.180
140	121	Exch 15%	1997	134	..	11.2 9.553
89⅛	78¼	Treas 9%	1998-00	85⅝	..	7.9 9.044
106¾	93⅛	Exch 9¾%	1998	103⅛	..	9.5 9.453
145¾	123½	Treas 15¼%	1998	141⅛	..	11.1 9.537
122⅝	107⅛	Exch 12%	1998	116⅝	..	10.3 9.440
105¾	92⅛	Treas 9¼%	1999	101⅝	..	9.4 9.236
124¾	107	Exch 12¼%	1999	118⅛	..	10.3 9.457
113	98	Treas 9¾%	2000	107⅝	..	9.8 9.380
111¾	96	Exch 10¼%	1999	107⅝	..	9.7 9.385
97⅛	86½	Treas 8¼%	2000	95⅝	..	8.9 9.180
131⅜	114¾	Treas 13%	2000	125⅝	..	9.1 9.222
103¾	88¼	Conv 9%	2000	98⅝	..	9.5 9.318
101⅜	84¾	Treas 10%	2001	100⅝	..	9.4 9.262
108⅝	92	Conv 9¼%	2001	103⅜	..	10.8 9.560
134⅛	112⅜	Treas 14%	1998-01	129	..	
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
103	86½	Exch 10%	2002	98¼	..	8.2 9.230
119⅛	98	Conv 11%	2003	109⅝	..	9.5 9.298
122⅝	107	Exch 12%	1999-02	117⅛	..	10.2 9.408
109	93¼	Treas 9½%	2000-03	102⅝	..	9.3 9.252
111¾	94½	Treas 10%	2003	106⅛	..	9.4 9.255
138⅝	119½	Treas 13¾%	2000-03	130⅝	..	10.5 9.548
121⅞	105	Treas 11¾%	2001-04	115⅝	..	9.9 9.387
113⅜	94½	Treas 10%	2004	106⅞	..	9.4 9.237
59¾	51½	Fund 3½%	1999-04	57⅝	..	6.2 9.127
107⅝	91¼	Conv 9½%	2004	102⅝	..	9.3 9.276
107⅜	90¾	Conv 9½%	2005	102⅝	..	9.3 9.276
118¾	98¾	Exch 12¼%	2005	111⅞	..	9.4 9.185
132⅛	111⅛	Treas 12¾%	2003-05	126⅝	..	9.8 9.236
99⅞	79⅞	Treas 6%	2002-06	88¾	..	6.8 9.116
110⅜	93⅛	Conv 9¼%	2008	102⅝	..	9.8 9.216
123⅛	103⅛	Exch 12¼%	2007-12	119⅜	..	9.8 9.321
99⅛	85⅝	Treas 9%	1990	94⅜	..	9.0 9.111
142	121¾	Treas 13¾%	2004-08	136¼	..	10.0 9.293
104⅞	89⅛	Treas 9%	2008	98	..	9.2 9.238
105	94⅜	Treas 10¼%	1999	99⅝	..	9.7 9.096
94⅜	80⅛	Treas 9%	2009	89¾	..	8.9 9.093
102	89⅜	Conv 9%	2011	96¼	..	8.1 9.146
89⅝	58⅞	Treas 5¼%	2008-12	85⅝	..	6.2 8.881
89⅝	58⅞	Treas 5¼%	2012-15	85⅝	..	6.2 8.881
134⅛	118⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	128	-¼	9.4 9.156
UNDATED						
45½	38¾	Consols 4%		44⅛	..	9.1 ..
41¾	34½	War Ln 3½%		39⅞	-⅛	8.8 ..
53	46	Conv 3½%		51⅝	..	8.1 ..
34½	29½	Treas 3%		32⅝	..	8.9 ..
34¾	29¼	Consols 2½%		28⅜	..	8.8 ..
29¾	24½	Treas 2½%		28¼	..	8.8 ..
INDEX-LINKED						
133	124½	Treas 6¾%	1996	133	..	2.0 2.998
119½	108⅞	Treas 5%	1990	118¾	..	2.0 0.858
107¼	99⅛	Treas 4%	1992	100	..	2.1 1.964
128¾	117⅛	Treas 5%	1996	128½	..	2.3 3.977
137½	96⅝	Treas 8¾%	2001	109¾	..	2.4 3.733
126¾	94⅛	Treas 8¾%	2003	105	..	2.7 3.790
113	94½	Treas 8¾%	2006	107	..	2.5 3.773
127½	99½	Treas 8¾%	2009	107⅜	..	2.5 3.763
113½	93⅛	Treas 8¾%	2011	104⅝	..	2.3 3.730
96½	78⅝	Treas 8¾%	2013	87½	..	2.3 3.688
107⅜	83¼	Treas 8¾%	2016	94⅝	..	2.3 3.592
101⅜	81½	Treas 8¾%	2020	93¼	..	2.3 3.533
86¾	68¾	Treas 8¾%	2024	79⅛	..	2.3 ..

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	180	Allied Irish	198	208	+8½	90	45	5.6
198	77	Ansbacher (Henry)	178	188	..	27e	15	21.2
258	188	Aus New Z	198	208	..	..	..	..
12⅝	4⅞	Bankamerica	4⅞	5	..	..	..	..
245	175	Bank of Ireland	198	208	+5	1700	87	..
15	11½	Bank Leumi Israel	11½	12	..	17.0	49	11.2
250	240	Bank Leumi UK	345	360	..	23.4	6.5	8.8
644	365	Bank Of Scotland	475	485	+20	30	6.3	11.1
86	65	Bank Of Wales	68	72	..	3.1	4.3	20
650	413	Barclays (sa)	495	505	+10	27	5.4	7.7
94	39	Benchmark	40	46	..	2.0	4.3	11.1
603	455	Brown Shipley	495	505	..	27	5.4	7.7
135	58	Bus Mortgage	58	68	+5	2.5	3.7	11.1
483	298	Cater Allen	350	370	..	31	8.4	12.3
75½	44	Cater	48	51	..	2.1	4.1	..
245	14½	Chase Manhattan	14½	15	..	1.0	6.9	..
51	18½	Citicorp	18½	19	+½	1.0	5.3	22.3
250	133	Close Bros	170	180	..	6.0	3.3	..
11½	7½	Commercial Bank	8½	9½	..	..	..	..
286½	135½	Continental Bank	144½	..	..	15.8	10.9	14.0
80	21	Equity & Law	34	38	+2	2.5	6.6	8.9
358	185	First Nat Finance	205	215	..	33.3	7.2	10.6
418	298	Gerrard Nat	328	338	..	31.0	9.2	8.8
65	55	Guinness Peat	58	62	..	1.2	2.0	6.8
286	225	Hambros	252	262	..	24.3	9.3	17.1
668	388	Hill Samuel	588	610	..	33.0	5.6	..
87	47	HK Shanghai	47	48	..	18.3	4.6	19.8
622	295½	Joseph (Leopold)	445	470	..	12.0	2.6	15.9
134	95	Kleinwort Benson	135	140	..	19.2	6.5	8.0
505	295	Kleinwort Benson	295	305	+3	17.0	7.1	4.1
455	212	Lloyds (sa)	295	305	+3	4.9	5.1	12.7
111	75	Lon Scot	86	96	..	27.6	7.5	4.8
568	368	Midland (sa)	384	394	-5	14.9	5.6	6.8
1,790	1,185	Morgan Grenfell	1,685	1,705	+22	70	4.1	9.8
280	149	Nat Austr Bk	161	166	..	..	..	..
790	505	Nat West (sa)	548	558	+12	29.5	5.4	5.6
420	123	Ottoman	150	..	..	9.0	4.2	6.2

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	306	Allied-Lyons (sa)	336	340	+6	15.6	4.6	11.0
19½	12½	Bass (sa)	17⅝	18⅛	+⅛	24.1	11	14.4
77	35	Belhaven	37	39	+1½	1.9	2.6	13.7
133	124	Bodmington	130	135	..	7.9	5.7	15.5
298	230	Brown (Matthew)	295	305	..	19.2	9.1	21.8
246	131	Buckleys	172	188	..	4.4	2.5	24.3
209	145	Bullard (H P)	180	190	..	7.9	5.3	10.5
155	140	Burtonwood Brew	137	145	-5	4.0	2.8	22.2
555	415	Clark (Matthew)	415	425	..	12.3	3.0	13.9
351	282	Dewhurst (JJA)	282	292	..	10.0	3.4	12.5
379½	150	Greenall Whitley	360	370	+5	24.1	6.5	14.4
483	258	Greene King	424	434	+10	18.9	4.3	23.5
399	325	Guinness (sa)	363	373	+10	22.0	6.0	11.1
795	473	Hardys & Hansons	784	794	..	32.0	4.0	15.9
97	56	Highland Dist	73	77	-2	3.4	4.5	11.7
213	138	Invergordon Distil	147	155	..	7.5	5.0	9.8
268	145	Irish Dist	168	188	..	6.0	3.2	..
154	112	Marston Thompson	126	136	..	3.5	2.8	16.1
603	345	Morland	460	480	..	9.9	2.1	32.7
470	131	SA Breweries	258	267	-2½	..	..	..
270	178	Scot & Nwc (sa)	248	258	+1	10.9	5.2	11.7
599	486	Vaux	580	590	+5	32.0	5.4	11.8
385	257	Whitbread 'A' (sa)	378	388	-15	12.6	4.2	11.4
486	288	Do 'B'	378	388	+25	16.0	4.2	12.4
274	210	Wolverhampton Brw	210	220	..	11.0	4.2	38.9
424	277½	Wolverhampton & D	310	320	..	11.0	4.2	17.7
477	214	Young A	358	378	-5	12.3	3.3	21.4

BUILDING, ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
543	129	Abbey	130	180	-13	..	..	..
355	186	Aberdeen Const	175	225	+2	12.1	6.1	15.9
154	105	Amec	118	128	+2	16.8	13.1	7.7
88½	38	Anglo Utd	42	44	+1	1.4	3.3	29.5
152	58	Arnold'e	58	110	..	3.8	3.8	22.5
404	184	Ashtead	200	220	..	8.2	3.6	12.8
240½	222	BPB Ind (sa)	230	240	..	8.0	3.3	15.4
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	290	300	+10	27	13	28.4
98	31	Bailey (Eng) Const	32	37	..	1.5	4.1	8.1
238	124	Barratt Devs	230	240	..	12.5	7.6	10.5
357	190	Bellway	345	355	-5	14.0	5.0	7.9
395	76	Bicheno'h	82	92	..	4.0	5.0	7.9
530	134	Berkeley Gp	252	290	-1	3.4	1.5	13.1
148	69	Bett	80	90	-2	4.5	5.3	29.4
575	137	Bookleys	310	320	..	7.4	2.3	13.4
574	389	Blue Circle (sa)	398	408	-5	18.5	5.4	9.1
425	165	Bovis	175	185	..	8.5	5.0	..
238	85	Br Dredging	117	127	..	6.9	5.7	22.1
61	14½	Brown & Jackson	14	16	+1	..	..	..
178	98	Bryant	118	112	+1½	3.8	3.4	13.1
36½	11	Burrell & Hallam	13½	15	+1	..	..	1.8
202	116	CRH	130	140	..	4.6	3.3	..
177	89	Caldwood Robey	89	99	..	4.0	4.0	13.8
373	178	Caradon	220	225	+5	8.2	3.7	12.8
183	91	Church Charles	98	104	+1	3.4	3.4	16.5
276	150	Conder Grp	156	166	+3	6.2	3.1	22.7
205	95	Costain PLC	95	105	+2	2.4	1.5	62.5
397	198	Costain	195	205	+2	12.2	4.8	9.2
402	129	Countryside	157	173	-2	2.7	1.4	19.4
202	136	Crest Nicholson	155	165	+2	7.5b	4.7	10.8
118	65	Crosby James	65	75	-1	2.4	3.4	..
281	129	Douglas (WA)	222	232	..	4.1b	1.8	17.5
258	118	Ecrit	170	180	..	6.0	3.9	18.9
316	116	Fairclough Hsg	165	175	+1	6.0	3.6	11.7
182	80	Fitzler Gp	80	90	+1	2.5	3.1	14.8
139	46	Galliford	46	56	..	2.3	5.1	13.8
203	118	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	195	205	-2	34b	1.7	35.5
365	182	Glenton (MJ)	365	415	+5	9.1	2.2	7.5
335	162	Harrison Ind	162	172	+2	7.9	3.3	14.8
173	74	Henderson	74	84	+1	3.6	4.3	14.5
151	74	Hewden-Stuart	97	107	-1	2.7	2.8	14.5
305	283	Heywood Williams	283	293	-1	12.0	5.7	12.8
436	294	Higgs & Hill	294	304	+1	10.5	3.4	12.1
198	71	Howard Hdgs	58	68	-1	1.7	2.9	11.1
258	75	Ibstock Johnsen	130	133	+2	8.0	6.1	13.6
10½	470	Jarvis (J) & Sons	390	400	+5	20.6	5.2	17.8
414	217	Laing (J)	217	227	+2	8.2	3.6	7.7
414	217	Do 'A'	217	227	+2	8.2	3.6	7.7
194	79	Lawrence (Walter)	91	93	..	5.8	6.3	9.0
77½	34	Lilley (F.C)	34	39	+1½	1.0	2.6	5.1
314	162	Lovell (Y.J)	312	322	+2	9.0	2.8	14.1
465	149	Magnet (sa)	242	252	+10	14.5	4.5	16.7
413	213	Maiders	213	223	..	8.0	3.6	14.0
195	113	Marley	113	123	..	6.0	4.9	16.0
268	188	Marshalls (Halifax)	240	250	..	8.0	3.2	18.4
241	193	Marshalls (U)	210	215	..	4.7	2.2	11.5
577	365	McAlpine (Alfred)	365	375	-5	20.0	5.3	9.7
620	393	McCarter & S	393	403	-7	17.2	4.3	16.9
485	268	Meyer Int	268	278	+3	9.5	3.4	9.7
171	38	Miller (Stanley)	38	43	..	1.7	3.9	41.3
541	305	Moulem (Lond)	305	315	+2	14.0	4.4	9.8
12⅜	7½	Newarthill	7½	8½	..	..	..	..
248½	155	Newman Tonks	167	174	..	10.1	5.8	14.3
165	93	Parkinson	120	130	..	2.5	2.1	17.2
158	88	Pearce Group	88	98	..	2.1	2.1	11.3
156	80	Pochins	80	90	..	2.1	2.3	11.3
574	341	RMC Gp (sa)	412	422	+5	20.0	4.7	13.5
167	80	Rainc Ind	80	90	..	3.9	4.3	12.8
353	268	Rankind (sa)	268	278	..	12.0	4.3	12.8
298	172	Ransby Group	172	182	..	10.5	5.8	13.8
316	175	Ranglet Parkers	175	185	..	5.9	3.2	14.1
230	136	Shanga & Fisher	136	146	..	4.5	3.1	18.1
230	136	Smart (J)	136	146	..	4.5	3.1	18.1
547	357	Staveley	357	367	..	17.2	4.7	12.4
548	357	Taylor Woodrow	357	367	..	17.2	4.7	12.4
170	78	Tilbury Group	78	88	..	2.5	2.8	21.1
406	268	Tilons & Arnold	268	278	..	12.0	4.3	12.8
171	79	Tarmac	79	89	..	3.9	4.4	12.8
171	79	Tarmac (sa)	79	89	..	3.9	4.4	12.8
178	98	Wimpey	113	123	..	..	..	..
315	132	Wates	132	142	..	6.0	4.2	13.5
268	206	Watts Blake	206	216	..	9.0	4.2	10.2
445	242	Wilcon Homes	242	252	..	..	..	..
204	160	Wimpey (George)	177	187	-1	7.9	4.2	10.2
189	105	YRM	97	107	-1	..	..	10.6

ELECTRICALS

486	284	AB Elect	280	290	+1	17.1c	6.0	12.0
175	115	Arsenal Cons	113	117	..	1.9	2.5	16.4
468	287	Alphameric	275	285	..	9.4	3.2	17.0
224½	99	Amstrad (sa)	111	115	+7	1.0	0.9	8.5

CINEMAS, TV

568	280	Anglia TV 'A'	282	292	..	..	..	..
685	370	Central TV	410	430	+5	18.4	5.7	7.9
132½	39	Entertain	48	52	+1½	3.2	6.4	6.4
1,150	757	HTV N/V	757	763	+13	53.0	6.9	8.2
10½	444	LWT Hldgs	444	454	+8	28.0	6.3	8.7
610	240	Scot TV	240	260	+10	21.2	8.1	8.7
454	286	TVS	395	405	+5	14.4	3.5	8.3
101	38	TSW	38	48	..	1.8	3.7	8.3
540	270	Thames TV	278	288	+1½	17.0	5.9	8.6
488	218	TV-AM	218	228	+1½	8.7	3.8	9.3
528	254	Tyne Tees TV	405	415	+5	30.0	7.2	6.8
170	79	Ulster TV	86	96	+2	9.6	10.0	6.2
403	150	Yorkshire TV	215	230	+5	9.6	4.3	12.1

DRAPERY, STORES

463	111	Alexon	280	290	+10	8.2	2.9	12.5
136½	14½	Amber Day	17	18	..	..	..	57.5
164	105	Associated 'A'	70	73	+2	3.7	5.1	17.8
213½	87	Ashley (Laura)	110	120	+2	3.2	2.9	17.0
238	94	Beattie (James) 'A'	146	156	-2	4.7	3.2	16.3
206	136	Bejam	144	154	+2	3.7	2.5	20.2
215	136	Blacks, Leis	136	146	..	..	..	..
370	268	Body Shop	268	278	+15	2.9	0.5	88.5
134	68	Brammer	78	88	..	2.5	2.8	9.1
885	498	Brown (N)	710	720	-5	11.3	1.6	31.0
358	211	Burton (sa)	240	244	+10	9.5	4.1	14.7
156	42	Clarks 'A'	68	88	+3	2.1	3.2	13.4
195	75	Cooper (S)	83	93	+10	3.0	3.6	12.3
630	430	Coats Viyella (sa)	558	568	+9	16.5	2.9	16.9
298	145	Courts (Furn) 'A'	145	155	-5	6.7	4.6	13.8
625	210	DAKS Simpson 'A'	230	240	+10	11.8	4.9	12.4
256	156	Dewhirst (JJ)	156	166	..	5.4	3.2	12.7
230	135	Dixons Gp (sa)	224	227	+3	5.5	2.4	11.8
283	131	Dunnill	131	141	+3	2.5	1.8	41.3
166	49	ERA Gp	52	58	+1	1.2	2.1	..
1,750	1,185	Ed Goldstein	1,185	1,205	+1

First oil from foreign field

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Oil has started flowing from the first wholly foreign-owned oil field in the British sector of the North Sea.

The Alwyn North field, the largest to be brought on stream in the past three years, has started pumping 35,000 barrels a day to the Sullom Voe terminal on the Shetland Islands, and will reach its peak production phase of 90,000 barrels a day early next year.

The field will also start producing gas next month at a rate of 7.5 million cubic metres a day.

The field is operated by Total Oil Marine, the British subsidiary of the French company, and its partner is the British subsidiary of the Elf Acquitane Group. Total has 33 per cent of the field and Elf the remainder.

● BP is to form a joint venture marketing and distribution company in Spain with the privately owned Petromed company. The new venture will give the companies a combined 1.6 per cent share of the domestic market for aviation and marine fuels. The new company will have total sales of around 500,000 tonnes of oil products a year in an annual market of 34 million tonnes.

Economists ask Bonn for measures to boost industry

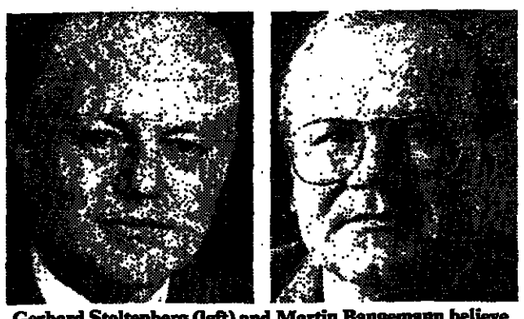
Bonn (AP-Dow Jones) — With economic expansion expected to continue at a relatively slow pace in 1988, West Germany's council of economic advisers called yesterday for structural measures to boost industrial competitiveness.

The council — also known as the five wise men — said in the annual economic outlook it presents to the government that West Germany's 1988 real or price-adjusted gross national product (gnp) is likely to grow by only 1.5 per cent, similar to the increase in 1987. The forecast is below the 2 per cent 1988 growth predicted by the country's five leading economic research institutes released earlier this month.

The council said the October stock market crash would have a dampening effect on consumer spending and corporate investment, but it added that it did not expect a world recession.

"The latest developments on international financial markets force us to somewhat lower our expectations for the coming year, but they don't give us cause to correct our common view, that the German economic expansion is continuing", the five economists said.

German newspapers said the economists originally wanted to predict 2 per cent growth for 1988, but revised downward their outlook in the wake of the stock market crash. In a statement, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the finance minister, and Herr Martin Bangemann, the economics minister, said the government does not rule out a 1988 growth rate of more than 1.5 per cent.



Gerhard Stoltenberg (left) and Martin Bangemann believe growth could exceed 1.5 per cent next year

The advisory body said higher economic growth is the key to reducing unemployment, which it expects to increase by an average 70,000 in 1988.

It would be a mistake to increase or prolong government subsidies to the European airbus, the council warned. It said the risks involved in subsidizing young industries lie in these companies' increasing dependence on government support, which then effectively prevents them from becoming profitable. The five economists gave a warning that, because of the airbus subsidies, the European aircraft runs the risk of meeting import barriers erected by the United States. "That way the airbus threatens to become a project where the size and length of subsidization is for ever increasing," the council said.

Contrary to the five institutes, the majority of the council did not urge the government to move forward tax cuts planned for 1990 to stimulate the economy at an earlier stage. But it strongly advocated measures to maintain and increase competitiveness. In a minority opinion, Herr Ruediger Pohl, a Hagen University economist, said that, in view of the weakness in the economy, the planned tax reform should be undertaken as soon as possible.

The economic advisers said a tax overhaul — which includes the lowering of the top income tax rate and the elimination of tax rebates — goes in the right direction.

Herr Bangemann, in a reaction to the report, repeated the government's position that, "in view of the present shaky situation in the world economy, a temporary increase in the government budget deficit can be sustained, especially in combination with the tax reductions."

On monetary policy, the report said the Bundesbank's money supply growth target for 1988 must lie below 4.5 per cent to curb inflationary dangers and prevent the need for more drastic action later. Money supply has grown above target this year, when the range was 3 to 6 per cent. It will be revised next month.

The cost of living in Germany is expected to increase by about 1 per cent this year and 1.5 per cent next.

Whitehall should aid industry, poll says

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

The public would support greater financial help by the Government for manufacturing industry, according to a private Gallup poll. Of those polled, 75 per cent backed Government assistance, with the figure rising to 82 per cent among 25- to 34-year-olds.

The poll was commissioned by Mr Malise Graham of the Economic Research Council, and a former member of the American Stock Exchange.

It supports a report issued after the House of Lords' investigation into overseas trade which warned of the decline in Britain's manufacturing base.

"I commissioned it because I felt we need an industrial policy in this country and I wanted to find out what the public thought," Mr Graham said. "In that sense I agree entirely with the Lords' report on overseas trade, which has since been rubbished by the Government.

"I thought we ought to know whether the public agreed with the Government or with the House of Lords committee. And I found that the public believes the committee was right."

APPOINTMENTS

New director for the Bejam Group

Bejam Group: Miss Rosalind Hedley-Miller is now a non-executive director.

Bowring Preston Powell: Mr Peter Davidson is now a director.

London Shop: Mr John Butland and Mr Clive Coward have become joint managing directors. Mr Alan Smith has become an executive director.

Clayton Dewandre: Mr Jack Grindrod has been appointed director, group manufacturing.



Diane Taylor: president of Interflora UK

Interflora UK: Ms Diane Taylor has been appointed president.

Rockwell International Corporation: Mr David Marriott has been promoted to vice-president, world-wide marketing and sales, semiconductor products division. Mr Jean-Claude Vrignaud will succeed Mr Marriott as general manager, European operations.

Tate Gallery: Mr Nicholas Serota has been appointed director, succeeding Mr Alan Bowness, from September 1988.

Dairy Trade Federation: Mr BAF Smith becomes vice-president, succeeding Mr Chris Ball.

Radcliffes & Co: Mr JJ Baker and Mr WRS Payne will join the partnership from January 1.

SAS Group: Mr John King has been appointed a non-executive director.

Shopfitters Group: Mr CJ Chaplin becomes managing director.

Williams Lea: Mr Chris Poltera joins as deputy managing director.

Independent Television News: Mr Harry Turner has joined the board.

Advisory Committee on Pesticides: Dr Brendan Buckley has been appointed chairman, Scientific Sub-Committee from January 1 and a member of the Advisory Committee from the same date.

Hodgson Holdings: Mr Ronald Middleton becomes finance director from next Monday, succeeding Mr Steven Heathcote who remains company secretary.

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Sekers' in record interims results

Sekers International is lifting its interim dividend from 0.9p to 1p and reporting record interim results for the six months to September 30. Pretax profit expanded from £722,000 to £848,000 on turnover up from £10.09 million to £11.71 million. Earnings per share reached 5.70p (4.80p).

Pretax profit is after charging £80,000 (nil) in respect of non-recurring items relating to the sale of D Landau and Son, together with the setting-up costs of establishing a trading agreement with China. The group has continued to spread its export activities more widely. The level of investment in new plant and machinery throughout the group has continued during the period, the board reports.

Witan ahead

The interim dividend at Witan Investment Company for the six months to October 31 is to be raised to 1.05p from 0.85p. Pretax revenue reached £8.51 million (£6.01 million).

Space age buy

Rex Williams Leisure has agreed to buy 3001 Space Adventure from Edward Dove. The consideration will be satisfied by the issue of 150,000 ordinary shares. 3001 specializes in the construction and development of state-of-the-art space entertainments and educational theme projects.

Gaylor Group

A final dividend of 1.67p, making 2.67p (nil), is being paid by the Gaylor Group for the year to August 31, on February 26. Turnover rose to £5.87 million (£5.27 million), while pretax profit reached £611,000 (£533,000). Earnings per share — based on a weighted average — were 8.1p (7.6p).

Thomson growth

International Thomson Organisation's pretax income rose to $219 million (£123 million) against $176 million in the nine months to September 30. Sales were $2,666 million ($1,934 million). Earnings per common share were 51.3 cents (40.4 cents). Earnings for the third quarter were significantly ahead of last year. Operating profit of the information and publishing group grew strongly and the oil and gas group benefited from higher oil prices.

Jersey jump

Jersey General Investment Trust is lifting its interim dividend to 6.75p (5.75p) for the six months to October 31 to reduce the disparity between payments. Gross income was almost unchanged at £1.35 million (£1.31 million), while pretax income rose to £798,065 (£694,850). Earnings per share were 6.81p (5.89p). Based on the present portfolio, the estimated net revenue for the full year will allow the board to recommend a total dividend of not less than 16p (same).

Miller move

Stanley Miller is seeking shareholders' approval to acquire a larger site for its joinery division. The board has agreed in principle to acquire a larger factory for £437,500. Operations of the plant hire division have not been successful in obtaining sufficient sales outside the group and the directors have decided to dispose of these assets.

Prudential deal

Prudential Property Services has strengthened its presence in Wiltshire, acquiring Carrick & Co with offices in Shaftesbury and Tisbury. The undisclosed consideration is partly in cash and partly in shares. Total number of residential outlets operated nationally by Prudential Property Services is now 618.

Agents sold

General Accident Fire & Life Assurance is acquiring Coopat Holdings and Warwick Estates (Insurance & Financial Services), an estate agent with nine offices in the West Midlands.

Talks end

Billingsgate City Securities, which announced in June it had begun preliminary talks which might lead to an offer being made for the issued cumulative preferred ordinary shares, said that these talks, and other talks that arose subsequently, have been terminated. Goldman Sachs International and Baring Brothers are to resume their roles as market-makers in the preferred ordinaries from today. The board intends to apply for a listing for the preferred ordinaries on the London Stock Exchange under the new listing regulations governing single property schemes. This would be in addition to the existing listing on the Luxemburg Stock Exchange.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 16	November 27	February 18	February 29

Call options were taken out on: 23/11/87 Blacks Leisure, Lonrho, D Fletcher, Hawley, Charterhall, Cluff Oil, Hanson, Apricot Computers, W Lawrence, Phicom, Aran Energy, Sound Diffusion, Norfolk Capitals, Nat West, Dares Estates, J Williams.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES			
Alba	90	+2	
Anglo Leasing	168		
Banner Homes (105p)	73	+2	
Brit Pet P/P	79½	+½	
Butte Mining (100p)	95	–5	
Chartsearch	25½	+3	
Co of Designers (100p)	106		
Dolphin Packg (106p)	110	+2	
Explaura	24½	+2	
Fairway Ldn	76	–2	
Hard Rock Cafe	133	+3	
Do 'A'	100	+3	
ISA Intl (80p)	93	+4	
Knobs Knockers	85		
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	120	–5	
Marcol Group	68		
Power Corp	72		
Record (88p)	86	–1	
Rolls-Royce (170p)	110	–2	
Rural Plan	88		
Sec Archives	150		
Shaftsbury (180p)	113		
Stanhope Props (250p)	140	+2	
Sykes-Pickavant	118		
Tomorrows Leisure	36		
Tubular Exhib	22		
URS Intl	56		
USDC Inv	118	–4	
Wilshaw Secs	23	+2	
Zetters Less	131		
RIGHTS ISSUES			
Cityvision N/P	½		
Eagle Trust N/P	½		
Feedex N/P	3		
Securiguard N/P	½		

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscot	190	220	nc
56	16	Aber Am Pet	23	28	
150	110	Allied Ins	130	140	+1
315	28	Amerocoax	35	40	+2
111	55	Andaman Res	62	67	–1
285	116	Broadcast	160	160	nc
192	61	Camotech	65	75	
103	45	Catalyst	63	67	+1
203	133	Chelsea Art	150	165	+25
140	40	Chemex Intl	40	50	nc
159	100	Cormac	95	105	–2
151	50	Corton Bch	68	73	+1
228	135	Crown Eye	153	163	+13
66	11	Eglinton	16	18	+2
45	9	Do Wrnts	8	10	nc
188	65	Far E Res	90	100	+25
119	62	Gardner (J)	60	70	+3
53	20	Honorbatt	24	27	nc
73	41	Kemp (PE)	40	45	nc
181	56	Leading Lsr	60	65	+2
95	60	Lynx Tech	58	68	–7
180	88	Mediaace	94	104	–1
80	15	Pub Hldgs	35	40	nc
129	82	Seacon	77	87	nc
67	35	Therne Hldgs	40	50	nc
715	133	UPL	132	142	+2
140	103	Unif Group	107	117	–1

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	9.00%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.50%

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdsworth Hse, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0345 717373 (Lines open 24 hrs)				
Gilt & Fixed	116.7	125.5c	+0.1	9.56
Hi Inc Equity	165.0	112.2p	-1.5	4.99
Worldwide Bd	184.4	197.2p	-0.1	4.92
American Gth	120.3	128.6	-2.7	1.81
Asian Pacific	214.8	229.7	-4.8	1.70
Assets & Earns	124.4	133.0p	+3.5	1.77
Capital Res	76.6	77.1	+0.1	1.31
Comm Energy	88.3	94.4	+2.2	..
Euro Capital	93.5	97.9	+1.4	1.10
General	122.4	130.8	-1.5	3.25
Japan	74.7	79.8w	+0.3	..
UK Gth Inc	118.1	123.1p	+0.5	1.84
Do Acc	181.2	193.7p	-1.6	1.84
US Emerg Co	34.5	36.9w	-0.1	0.00
Income Gth	207.0	221.3p	+2.6	3.48
Master Acc	64.5	68.9	+0.5	4.31
American Inc	38.0	40.6	+0.4	6.45
Emrgd Tgr	36.2	38.7	+0.3	3.28
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
601, Sit. John Street London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 8494				
Euro Gth Acc	98.5	104.9	-1.2	1.22
Exempt	329.3	351.6p	+3.5	5.42
Far Eastern	167.8	179.3	-1.5	0.10
Fin & Prop	71.8	76.1	+1.4	2.25
Hi Yield	83.9	89.7p	+0.8	9.30
Income & Gth	263.8	279.4	+2.4	5.59
Int Earnings	156.4	167.9p	+2.4	3.39
Int Growth Inc	78.7	84.1	+0.5	2.93
Japan Gth Acc	121.1	129.2	-2.6	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	108.7	114.1	+0.1	2.98
Preference Inc	122.3	129.8p	..	9.52
Smll Co Gth Inc	80.1	85.0	+0.2	4.52
Smll Co Gth	250.5	265.4	+2.6	1.91
Spec Sits Inc	116.5	123.4p	+0.9	1.63
UK Growth	348.5	368.0p	+2.7	3.69
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Hse, London SW1 1EL				
0783 29291 dealing0783 67226				
High Income	257.0	263.0	+2.9	5.11
Equity Inc	152.9	162.2	+1.8	4.78
High Yield	156.0	165.4p	+1.8	5.34
Balanced	374.8	397.3	+7.1	3.44
Amer Inc	28.4	27.1	+0.2	1.00
World Ass Val	21.9	23.3	..	1.09
Japan	117.0	124.6	..	0.01
Sec of Amer	161.6	178.5p	+1.9	0.78
Asset Value	248.2	263.3	+2.7	3.82
Recovery	89.2	94.6p	+1.6	2.71
UK Spec Sit	230.8	244.7	+3.5	2.24
Gilt Fixed	83.5	88.0	+1.0	9.54
Smlr Co	151.6	160.7	+1.5	2.95
Capital	217.9	231.0p	+3.5	2.95
Amer Spec Sit	59.8	64.1	+0.2	1.36
International	135.8	143.7w	+2.2	3.36
Growth & Inc	17.2	18.3	-0.3	0.56
Euro Gth	177.2	188.7	-1.4	0.00
Pacific	169.9	197.1	+1.0	2.21
2nd Smlr Co				
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
38, Cornhill Street, London EC1				
01-374 6601				
American	38.5	39.0	..	2.28
Australian	15.5	16.5	..	2.05
Japan & Gen	137.4	146.3	-0.2	0.00
High Income	91.3	97.1	..	6.07
International	76.2	81.2	..	0.85
Income Growth	54.7	58.3	..	5.11
Gilt/Fixed Int	92.2	98.2	..	10.18
Global Inc	51.9	55.3	..	5.73
Spec Sit	51.4	54.8w	..	1.61
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
Capital	69.8	74.2	+1.7	3.58
Euro Gth Inc	55.7	59.2	+1.3	0.40
Extra Income	84.2	89.6w	+2.1	5.10
General	145.2	154.4	+2.1	3.71
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.1	94.9w	+0.1	9.54
Income Tst	352.2	375.7	+4.1	4.53
Int Income	48.5	51.5	-0.1	4.53
Smlr Co Inc	35.5	37.7	..	1.50
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
01-658 3600				
Australia	51.5	56.7p	-1.6	0.00
Eastern	59.8	61.1c	-1.1	0.00
Equity Inc	105.8	112.5c	+0.8	4.10
Europe	105.8	112.5c	-1.8	0.30
Exempt Tst	52.8	56.1	..	3.00
Growth & Inc	67.4	71.7	+0.8	1.50
Global Gth	124.3	132.2	..	0.10
Japan Gth	114.3	122.2	-0.2	0.00
Japan Sun	116.7	124.8	-0.1	0.00
First Europe	93.5	99.4	-1.7	0.00
First Japan	93.3	99.0	-1.4	0.20
First N Amer	34.9	37.0	-0.1	1.10
First Smlr Co	80.2	85.3w	+0.1	1.80
N Amer Spec	33.2	35.3	-0.2	0.50
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Pennywood Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	144.7	153.9	+1.9	1.42
Smlr Co Acc	296.8	316.2p	+1.7	1.17
Do Inc	188.0	200.0p	+1.1	1.17
High Income	73.1	77.8	+1.0	4.74
Income	83.5	88.9p	+0.3	4.88
Man Portfl Inc	77.8	82.7	+1.3	1.91
Do Acc	131.9	140.3	+2.2	1.91
Nth American	48.3	51.3	+0.1	0.00
Orient	75.1	79.9w	-1.0	0.10
Exempt	235.9	250.9w	+2.8	2.80
Recovery	58.7	58.9w	+1.1	0.23
Gilt & Fixed	82.2	87.5w	+0.2	9.60
German	21.5	22.9	-0.1	1.00
Int Recov	15.4	16.4	-0.1	2.11
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange, London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868 01 623 2348				
Fellowship Inc	61.9	65.2p	-0.6	1.75
General Inc 4	225.1	235.1c	..	2.33
Do Acc 4	364.7	380.8	..	2.33
Income Fd 3	108.2	115.6p	..	5.01
Do Acc 3	203.1	213.8	..	5.01
Int Inc 2	162.1	167.3	..	0.28
Do Acc 2	136.7	143.5	..	0.28
Smlr Inc 5	79.4	83.5	..	2.00
Do Acc	84.5	88.8	..	2.00
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Growth	27.1	28.3e	-0.3	3.11
Income	34.9	37.8e	-0.1	0.00
Far East	22.5	24.4e	..	0.83
Nth American	27.8	30.5e	+0.3	0.83
Global	37.0	40.1	+0.1	0.85
European	36.0	39.0	..	1.36
Japan	67.1	72.8e	+0.3	0.01
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ				
01-621 0011				
Capital	348.5	368.7	+5.2	1.87
Income	309.2	327.9	+2.2	4.88
Nth Amer	199.5	212.3	-1.2	2.26
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Investment	437.5		..	4.59
Fixed Int	145.2		..	9.65
Deposit	100.0		..	9.65
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Income	409.8	●	..	4.35
Acc	£12.7185		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	9.23
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
72/73,Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP				
01-606 6822				
S/C Spec Sit	55.1	58.3	..	0.50
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0800 373393				
Amer Gth	16.5	17.5	..	0.00
Atlas Gth	20.1	21.3	..	0.00
Dragon Gth	17.3	18.5	-0.3	0.00
Equity Hi Inc	49.8	52.8c	+0.4	5.80
European Gth	21.2	22.5p	..	0.50
Gen Equity	23.5	24.5	+0.1	2.50
Gilt Fixed Int	20.7	22.0	-0.2	9.65
Gilt & Fixed Int	21.3	22.7	..	9.65
Int Income Tst	21.9	23.2p	..	0.00
Japan Gth	28.0	29.8	..	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.2	31.0	+0.4	2.30
Special Sits	31.1	33.0	+0.3	0.90
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ				
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-626 9815				
Uk & Gen Inc	45.8	51.9c	+1.0	2.15
Do Acc	49.1	55.2c	+1.0	2.15
Income Inc	53.1	56.5c	+0.5	2.91
Do Acc	59.1	62.9c	+0.5	2.91
Worldwide Inc	38.8	41.5	+0.1	1.14
Do Acc	39.9	41.8	+0.1	1.14
Gearing Inc	39.2	41.9	+0.3	1.82
Do Acc	39.2	41.9	+0.3	1.82
Euro Gth	47.9	51.0	+0.5	0.78
Far East	47.9	51.0	..	0.21
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5252				
Amer Tst	95.4	103.1	..	0.97
Canadian Gth	18.5	17.8	..	1.50
European Tst	87.1	94.2	..	..
Growth Tst	224.6	242.2	..	..
High Income	269.2	281.6	..	5.60
Int Tech Tst	87.1	95.5	..	..
Japanese Tst	171.4	185.3	..	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Bolsover House, Surrey RH2 8BL				
0737-240434				
European Gth	41.7	44.8e	-1.3	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	42.5	45.6	+0.2	3.50
International	42.5	45.6e	..	1.00
N Amer Gth	34.2	36.8	..	1.00
Pacific Gth	45.5	48.8e	+1.2	0.50
UK Gth Acc	51.7	55.5	+1.1	0.50
Do Dist	50.4	54.3	+1.1	0.50
UK Income	50.9	54.8	+0.5	4.60
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh				
031-226 3492				
American Fd	51.2	54.5e	-0.1	1.83
Capital Fd	103.3	113.1	+0.1	1.50
Eurofund	20.5	21.9	+0.1	2.49
Growth & Inc	145.8	155.2	+1.6	3.95
High Dist Fd	125.1	136.6e	+1.2	4.94
International	165.1	175.8	+0.3	1.38
Pacific Fd	17.0	18.1	+0.2	0.00
Resources Fd	19.8	21.1	-0.2	0.80
Smlr Jap Co	32.8	35.0	..	..
Tokyo Fd	159.5	170.0	..	0.00
Ex Amer 2	114.5	117.2	..	0.20
Ex Japan 3	101.3	104.4c	..	0.20
Ex Pacific 4	253.5	261.5	..	0.38
Ex Smlr Jap 4	204.4	211.0e	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG				
0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	73.2	77.7c	+1.4	3.13
Do Acc	75.7	80.3c	+1.5	3.13
UK Gth Acc	104.0	110.4	+2.8	2.49
UK High Dist	83.2	88.3e	+0.7	4.96
N Amer Acc	58.1	62.0	-0.1	0.13
Far East Acc	98.1	102.5	-1.1	0.76
European Acc	54.2	58.4	-1.1	1.51
UK Gilt Inc	59.2	61.7c	-0.2	8.43
Do Acc	63.7	67.8c	-0.3	7.70
Int Spec Sits	33.9	36.2	+0.4	1.87
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre Hexagon House Rusdord				
RM1 3LS				
0708 60866				
Endurance	103.6	110.3e	..	1.20
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW				
0296 431480				
Equity Pension	77.5	82.5e	-0.8	3.65
High Income	82.1	87.4e	-1.1	5.08
Gt/Fxd Interest	83.7	87.2	..	7.43
Tst Of Inv Tsts	72.1	76.8	-1.9	1.94
Spec Sits Tst	70.5	74.7	-1.2	2.81
Nth Amer Tst	48.2	49.2	-0.4	0.45
Far East Tst	83.2	88.5	+0.1	1.72
Int Growth	43.6	46.4	-0.6	1.72
European Tst	36.8	39.2	-0.7	1.79
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry				
CV1 1QD				
0203 553231				
UK Gth Acc	154.1	164.8e	..	3.73
Do Inc	128.4	138.3e	..	3.73
Gld/Fixed Acc	292.1	307.7e	..	4.88
Do Inc	216.7	231.1e	..	4.88
Gld/Fixed Acc	111.4	117.2	..	7.94
Do Inc	86.5	91.8	..	7.94
N Amer Acc	96.8	103.5e	..	0.10
Far East Acc	170.4	182.2e	..	0.82
Euro Tst Acc	116.6	124.8	..	3.85
Do Inc	227.5	243.3	..	3.85
Smlr Excel	35.0	37.4	..	3.34
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	45.1	48.0e	..	0.16
UK Inc Eq	81.6	86.9	..	4.73
Far East Fd	73.8	78.0	..	0.00
Overseas Inc	55.9	59.5c	..	4.47
Fxd Interest	59.1	61.9	+0.4	0.88
Mineral Res Fd	51.8	55.2	..	3.06
Recovery Inc	55.2	58.8	..	3.79
Financials Fd	38.8	41.3	..	3.63
Int Tech Fd	88.1	91.8	..	0.14
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
150, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041-221 5132				
Britan Gth Acc	57.2	60.2	-0.6	..
Do Inc	55.8	59.4	-0.5	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	24.3	26.1	-0.1	..
Do Inc	27.5	29.3	-0.1	5.10
Inc Gth Acc	50.4	53.6c	..	..
Do Inc	46.6	49.6c	..	4.00
Serv Co Acc	60.3	64.2c	..	..
Do Inc	59.2	63.0c	..	0.30
Amer Gth Acc	18.1	19.3	-0.4	..
Do Inc	18.1	19.3	-0.4	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	14.1	15.0	..	..
Do Inc	14.1	15.0	..	1.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Rivar Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY				
Calldrive 0800 414161				
American	84.3	90.2w	+0.2	1.15
Amer Equity Inc	25.6	27.4e	+0.2	4.57
Amer Spec Sit	34.9	37.4	-0.4	0.67
Australia	19.8	21.1p	+1.0	2.15
European Inc	47.9	50.3	-1.4	..
European Inc	19.7	21.1	..	..
Global Conv	20.8	22.2	-0.2	3.52
Far East Inc	34.1	36.5w	-0.1	0.45
Gt/Fxd Interest	30.5	32.6	+0.1	9.43
Growth & Inc	161.9	169.0	..	..
Income Fund	152.8	163.5	..	..
Japan Spec Sit	54.3	58.1	+1.6	0.00
Japan/F East	49.1	52.1p	+0.4	0.00
Nth Amer Tst	29.1	31.1	+0.1	0.00
Pac & Gen Tst	68.9	73.7	-0.6	2.65
Spandervalue	91.1	97.5	-1.1	1.19
Smlr Co	35.6	37.8	+0.1	1.19
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
2, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer/Gen Inc	136.8	144.7	-2.5	..
Do Acc	138.7	151.7	-2.5	..
Amer Turn Inc	138.7	151.7	-1.9	1.03
Do Acc	146.7	157.3	-1.9	1.03
Capital Inc	223.5	238.2	+1.7	2.12
Do Acc	225.5	239.9	+1.7	2.12
Comm/Gth Inc	92.5	98.6	+0.6	1.16
Do Acc	93.1	99.0	+0.6	1.16
European Inc	135.8	144.6	+0.5	0.71
Do Acc	136.8	145.6	+0.5	0.71
Financial Acc	205.5	217.5	+2.2	4.55
Do Inc	198.2	209.8	+2.2	4.55
Income Tst	135.7	144.5	+0.9	5.11
Do Acc	148.5	158.0	+1.0	5.11
Nth Americn Inc	112.6	124.8	+0.1	0.00
Do Acc	113.0	124.8	+0.1	0.00
Japan/Gen Inc	89.0	95.4	..	..
Do Acc	94.0	99.4	+0.3	0.00
Monthly Inc Fd	104.5	110.9	+0.3	3.94
PEP 87	51.4	54.3	+0.2	3.67
Recovery	145.0	153.4	+0.5	3.38
Do Acc	158.4	167.5	+0.6	3.38
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH				
Dealing0722 411411 Admin0722 411622				
Equity Dist	202.4	214.8p	+1.3	3.90
Do Acc	348.1	369.5p	+2.3	3.90
Euro Gth Dist	45.7	48.5	-0.3	1.03
Do Acc	45.7	48.5	-0.3	1.03
Fxd Interest Di	118.1	123.9e	+0.2	10.04
Do Acc	148.3	155.6e	+0.2	10.04
Int Gth Dist	48.7	49.5	+0.2	1.51
Do Acc	48.7	49.5	+0.2	1.51
Man Interest Dist	97.4	103.2	+0.2	2.48
Do Acc	147.2	156.0	+0.2	2.48
Pac Basin Dist	147.2	156.0	-0.2	0.24
Do Acc	197.4	209.2	-0.2	0.24
Steward Dist	197.4	209.2e	+1.4	1.41
Do Acc	197.4	209.2e	+1.4	1.41
Steward Inc Di	47.0	49.8	+0.4	4.62
Do Acc	47.0	49.8	+0.4	4.62
N Am Shrd Di	41.4	43.9	+0.6	2.12
Do Acc	44.4	47.1	+0.6	2.12
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
6th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YP				
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Spec Sit	44.3	47.6	..	0.80
UK Cap Inc	165.8	172.5	+2.4	2.90
Do Acc	164.6	164.5	+3.4	2.90
Capital Units	95.1	101.8	-1.0	2.70
Global Units	148.5	158.9e	-0.7	0.00
European	105.6	113.2	+0.7	0.00
Far East	115.3	123.4	-0.7	0.00
International	94.1	100.7	-0.9	2.57
Gt Interest Inc	28.9	30.1e	..	7.55
Do Acc	40.0	42.2	..	7.55
High Yield	77.7	78.7	-2.6	6.55
Income	86.7	92.9w	-0.8	5.09
International	112.0	119.8	-0.8	0.00
Japan Tech	43.3	46.4	-0.8	0.00
Nat Resource	37.3	39.5	-1.8	1.97
Recovery	108.9	114.4e	-2.1	2.82
Spec Sits	101.4	106.5	-1.2	2.11
US Smlr Co	18.8	20.2	-0.5	1.24
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ				
01-623 9333				
Global Gth	133.6	143.0	..	0.00
High Income	69.3	73.9w	..	7.38
N Amer Tst	78.5	83.6	..	0.94
Pacific Gth	34.2	36.4e	..	0.50
Recovery	254.5	270.9w	..	2.58
Sp Opportunities	88.5	91.2	..	5.89
Sp Vincent Inc	46.2	49.2	..	1.16
Sp Vinc US Gth	252.4	268.3	..	2.79
Temp & Gen Co	36.1	40.4	..	0.00
Euro Gth Tst				
GOWETT LIDNEY UNIT MANAGERS				
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR				
01-378 7979 Dealing01-928 0525				
Int Gth	79.7	53.1	..	1.24
American Gth	51.3	54.8	-0.1	1.36
European Inc	61.3	64.8	+0.1	0.46
European Gth	46.3	49.2e	-0.4	1.54
Gold & Minds	52.9	53.3e	..	0.80
Japan Gth	61.2	65.4	-0.8	3.37
Pacific Inc	36.2	38.7	-0.5	0.41
Pacific Strat	59.2	63.5c	+0.4	0.00
UK Prog Inc	135.3	143.7	+1.3	0.80
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A SPECIAL REPORT
By Malcolm Brown

Your heart: the critical time factor

GOLDEN JUBILEE 50

The British Cardiac Society this week marks its 50th anniversary with a jubilee meeting at the Wembley Conference Centre where leading heart specialists will discuss the latest techniques in cardiology and heart surgery. One of them, Dr Edgar Sowton, the society's president, says: "The way you get treated if you have heart disease is really a direct reflection on what's been happening in the Cardiac Society. This is the body somebody with a new treatment goes to to convince his peers that it's the right thing to do."

The BCS, the club of leading cardiologists and heart surgeons, is young as medical societies go, but its short history spans the key years in the development of the speciality.

When it was formed in 1937 the treatment of heart disease was primarily a medical matter. There had been experimental surgery, but the results were not good and few in the profession felt the high risks involved could be justified.

That changed with the work of Dwight Harken in the Second World War. His operations to remove missiles lodged in the heart chambers of soldiers – all his patients survived – gave doctors the boost in confidence they needed and heart surgery began in earnest.

The society, which had grown out of the Cardiac Club, a loose association of specialists who had been helping assess and treat cardiac patients for the Ministry of Pensions after the First World War, soon became the professional body for British surgeons and cardiologists. It set the standards and promoted new research.

There are two main areas under discussion at the moment: thrombolysis, attempting to stop or even reverse a coronary when it has started, and balloon angioplasty, the technique of inflating a tiny balloon in the clogged artery to widen it and let the blood flow freely again.

"Those are the two big things happening at the moment and the Cardiac Society is right there in both of them", says Dr Sowton. "It's sponsoring a trial to compare balloon angioplasty with bypass surgery in patients with angina and heart attacks."

Dr Sowton believes that the pressures the society puts on the profession have brought about big changes in the treatment of heart attacks. For example, the idea that you had to rest the patient to rest the heart has now gone.

"Patients used to be kept in hospital for six weeks. They used to be kept lying down, not even able to feed themselves. That's not so very long ago. Now they're usually home on the seventh day."



Denzil McHeelance

Seeking an answer: Professor David Hearse, head of the Heart Research Unit at St Thomas's Hospital, is trying to preserve tissue for up to 48 hours

Why surgeons want to stop the body clock

Buying time has become a key goal of cardiac research. Scientists at the Heart Research Unit of the Rayne Institute at St Thomas's Hospital, London, are trying to devise ways of, as it were, stopping, or slowing down, the heart's biological clock. If they succeed they could transform methods of transplant surgery.

Their aim is to increase by a factor of five or six the length of time that a heart with no blood pumping through it can survive before its tissues die.

The paradox of cardiac surgery is that the very surgery which is used to repair the heart can threaten it. To do heart operations the blood flow through the heart must be temporarily stopped. A heart-lung machine is used to maintain the circulation and oxygenate the blood while the real heart is "switched off".

But the machine only looks after the needs of the brain and the body. It does not deliver any blood to the walls of the heart itself. Yet the heart is just like the brain; it will die without blood.

Until a few years ago surgeons felt uncomfortable if the blood supply to the heart was cut off for more than about 45 minutes. After that the heart would start to die. The result was that you could have a surgically succesful operation in which the patient still died, because the tissue of the heart had died.

In the 1970s, researchers at St Thomas's did something that had seemed impossible – they developed a solution of salts which, when injected into the blood vessels of the heart, slows down the process of cell death. The technique, known as cardioplegia, extends from less than an hour to more than four hours the length of time that the heart can remain bloodless and still stay alive. This allows surgeons to do more complex operations.

It was a tremendous breakthrough but it is still not enough, says Professor David Hearse, head of the St Thomas's research unit. Three or four hours is usually sufficient for routine heart surgery but transplant surgeons need much more time.

"They can preserve the heart for only about four hours, which means hearts have to be rushed in helicopters and potentially useable hearts are lost. This is a tragedy. I'm convinced that using the sort of techniques we've established here over the last 10 years it should be possible to preserve the heart for 24 hours, or 48 hours.

"This will take much of the panic out of the process of transporting the heart and will make more hearts available for transplantation."

Professor Hearse believes the development of these long-term preservative solutions could take three to five years of research. "We're six months into it but we've already extended our preservation time of rat hearts from its previous record of about four hours up to 12 or more hours."

These experimental hearts are much tougher than human ones so the researchers need to push their target towards three or four days before they will begin to feel that they are making the sort of progress which would be useful for human hearts.

Doctors also want to buy time for patients who have heart attacks. If a blood clot forms and blocks one of the heart's blood vessels it will stop the flow of blood to a large area of heart tissue and that area will start to die – just as tissues deprived of blood during surgery will eventually die. The bigger the so-called myocardial infarct (destruction of heart tissue) the greater the chance of death.

If the tissue is to be kept alive it is essential to get the blood reflowing back across it within an hour or two. One way to do that is thrombolysis – dissolving the clot with enzymes. But, as with heart transplants, there are often logistical problems.

The patient is usually at home when he feels unwell. The GP will come and make a diagnosis, then send the patient to hospital. All this takes time and several hours may have elapsed between the time of the attack and the thrombolysis.

"Thrombolysis in most patients, at the moment, is too late", says Professor Hearse. "The blood is going back but it's going back to dead tissue.

> 'Research will aid transplant patients'

The idea of performing the thrombolysis at home is attractive but unrealistic. The chemical which dissolves the clot can be dangerous so the patient needs hospital care while it is being done."

The question now being asked, says the professor, is whether there is a way of stopping the injury to the tissue until the patient can be given thrombolysis by the experts. "Can we take this time window of one or two hours and extend it up to six or seven?

"This moves us right back again to the whole concept of cardioplegia. Can we now, instead of using drugs to stop cells dying – which we know won't work – use drugs to slow down cell death? Could we for example make a cocktail of drugs which could be safely given in the home or in the ambulance . . . to buy ourselves time? I fervently believe we can."

There is a sad postscript to the work on cardioplegia. It has recently been realized that although they are highly effective in adults, the cardioplegic solutions that have been developed are much less effective with child patients.

About two years ago, say Professor Hearse, a stud from the Hospital for Sic Children at Great Ormon Street, London, showed that high proportion of childre who died during cardiac su gery did so because the hea was inadequately preserved.

"They estimated that 50 pe cent of children who die during cardiac surgery died o inadequate myocardial pres ervation. That's a horrifi figure when you compare i with adults."

The explanation seems to b that children's hearts, particu larly diseased ones, are meta bolically different to adul ones. Professor Hearse's uni is about to start a majo project to try and find special solution for paediatri surgery.

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Lasers to make life easier

Almost exactly 20 years ago, on December 3 1967, Dr Christiaan Barnard performed the world's first heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, a South African grocer. At the time it seemed audacious, almost miraculous. Today the operation is virtually routine.

It is estimated that more than 3,500 transplants have taken place around the world and Britain's own leading heart-transplant surgeon, Professor Magdi Yacoub, has done 500.

There has been nothing quite as dramatic to take its place in the headlines, but British surgeons and cardiologists have been quietly beavering away, mostly out of the limelight, developing some remarkable new ways of repairing our hearts.

One of the most unusual involves using lasers to unblock clogged coronary arteries, the arteries that supply the heart itself with the oxygen-carrying blood it needs.

Coronary artery disease is usually associated with so-called atherosclerotic plaques — deposits of fats and some cholesterol. They accumulate in the artery and clog it up. Because they limit the flow of blood, the amount reaching the heart muscle can be insufficient, which can lead to recurrent pain, known as angina.

The conventional means of treating clogged arteries has been bypass surgery. Veins from the patient's leg, or lengths of the mammary artery which runs on the inside of the breast bone, are grafted on to the heart arteries so the blood can carry on flowing past the blockage.

The bypass is a good operation, with a mortality rate of less than 1 per cent and complete relief from pain for four out of five patients, but it has limitations.

An increasing number of people in their forties and early fifties are getting clogged arteries and doctors have noticed that the grafted veins themselves can become clogged within about 10 years of the bypass.

Only about 50 per cent of grafted veins are working satisfactorily a decade later.

The laser technique being developed at the Hammersmith Hospital by its British Heart Foundation professor of cardiac surgery, Kenneth Taylor, actually removes the blockage instead of going around it.

Professor Taylor, who has performed the operation eight times, begins by inserting a laser-carrying fibre into the femoral artery at the thigh and threading it through the arteries up to the heart and the clogged vessel.

X-rays are used to position the tip of the laser, a metal probe which converts the laser energy into heat, against the obstruction. This is then blasted with five to ten seconds of heat, vaporizing the fatty deposits into tiny fragments like dust, which are carried away through the bloodstream.

The professor has now begun a new variation of the technique. He said: "We've had a very extensive research programme in the laboratory and it has convinced us that the approach should actually be what we call intra-operative — in other words we open the coronary artery itself and feed the laser catheter directly into the artery."

Research has shown, he said, that the laser technique is more efficient when, as in the new, direct approach, there is no blood present at the artery when the laser blast takes place.

Another unusual technique, this time to open defective flaps on the aortic valve, which regulates the flow of oxygen rich blood from the heart to the rest of the body, has been developed at King's College Hospital, London, by a consultant cardiologist, Dr Graham Jackson.

The technique, called percutaneous transluminal valvuloplasty, involves inserting a probe into the femoral artery and up to the heart, just as in the original Hammersmith Hospital laser operation. But this time The probe is a guidewire rather than an optical fibre.

When it is in place, a thin sheath of polyurethane tubing is fed along the wire and towards the frozen valve. The end of the sheath is a deflated balloon. When it is in place next to the defective valve Dr Jackson inflates the balloon with liquid and the pressure forces open the frozen aortic valve.

The technique, which has been used more than 30 times at King's College Hospital, is now also being used to free the mitral valve, the flaps between the left ventricle and atrium of the heart.

Dr Jackson stresses that freeing the aortic valve is not really an alternative to open heart surgery. It is more in the nature of a palliative, relieving the discomfort without actually removing the root cause.

Dr Jackson said: "The aortic valve is so heavily calcified, solid and rigid that all you really do is crack the hole open a bit more. You're fighting the pathology; you can't reverse it."

The King's College Hospital technique is, in fact a development of coronary angioplasty, in which the tiny balloons are used to unblock the furred-up arteries. When the balloon is fully inflated it flattens the atheroma against the walls of the artery which are elastic and can easily withstand the pressure of the inflated balloon without rupturing.

The technique, which requires only local anaesthetics and causes minimal discomfort to the patient is widely used in America, but doctors here are divided on its merits when compared with bypass operations.

Peter Trievnor



Professor Kenneth Taylor with an optical fibre used on a laser during heart surgery

The fatty deposits are vaporized into tiny fragments



Long life on the ice

Eskimos have fewer heart problems than the rest of us. The Japanese, despite their risky lifestyle — they smoke more cigarettes than anyone else in the developed world — also rank very low in the heart disease league table. Do they know something we don't? The answer seems to be a qualified "yes".

Researchers believe that an important factor in the apparent ability of these groups to escape cardiac problems is that they eat a lot of fish. The hypothesis is that certain constituents of fish oils are good for us.

The odd thing about the Eskimos at first glance is that their diet is extremely high in fat and cholesterol, both recognized as high-risk factors in coronary heart disease. But there may be a counterbalance. In the early 1970s, two Danish researchers and a British medical scientist, Dr Hugh Sinclair, visited remote Eskimo settlements in Greenland. Their studies suggest that the Eskimos' good cardiac health record may be due to consuming plenty of the right sort of fats, the so-called polyunsaturated fats found in fish oil.

The principal polyunsaturates concerned, eicosapentaenoic acid and docosahexaenoic acid, are plentiful in oily fish such as salmon, herring and mackerel, but exist only in small amounts in white fish such as cod, haddock and plaice.

Other fish-eating societies, like the Japanese, lend some weight to the idea that fish may be an important health factor. Some doctors worry that the value of fish oils will be overestimated. There is no cure-all for heart disease, they say, and concentrating on the big cardiac-risk factors like smoking is the most important thing people can do.

The biggest killers: cigarettes, poor diet, lack of exercise, high blood presure

Saving lives from going up in smoke

"There is absolutely no case whatever, under any circumstances, for cigarette smoking," says Dr Michael Oliver, Professor of Cardiology at Edinburgh University and one of the leading experts on the risk factors which can lead to coronary heart disease.

"If the entire public would stop smoking this disease would be reduced by a large amount. It is the most important single risk factor."

All sorts of things including politics and the action of the tobacco lobbies seem to have prevented that message getting through, says the professor, who was convenor of the British Cardiac Society's working group on coronary disease prevention.

The BCS's report, published earlier this year, is an attempt to focus the attention of doctors and other professionals on the problem. It says that coronary heart disease (CHD) is the biggest single cause of death in Britain. It leads to a third of all deaths in men and a quarter of deaths in women. Poor diet, lack of exercise and high blood pressure also increase our chances of getting the disease.

The report says:

- People must be urged to stop smoking cigarettes, and young people discouraged from starting.
- Those with high blood cholesterol — which accelerates the clogging of the arteries with fatty deposits — should get dietary advice.
- Consumption of fat in the national diet should be reduced and the intake of fibre-rich carbohydrates increased.
- Obesity should be avoided by a combination of eating the right food and taking exercise.
- Physical exercise should be a normal part of daily living.

The working party report, is uncompromising on cigarettes. "The greatest risk is to those who smoke more than 20 cigarettes a day. There is a clear interaction between cigarette smoking and hypertension and hypercholesterolaemia in increasing the risks of coronary heart disease.

"The first objective is for non-smoking to be regarded as normal behaviour. Low-tar, low-nicotine cigarettes offer no alterative solution to the abandonment of smoking."

The report expresses particular concern about smoking among young women which, against the trends, is on the increase. This needs particularly vigorous action.

There is a pay-off for the reformed smoker. "The increased risk of heart disease in smokers is reduced when the habit is abandoned. A major proportion of this fall occurs in the first year with a reduction of risk to near non-smoking levels at about three years."

The next most important risk factor, but far less well defined, says Professor Oliver, is a raised level of blood cholesterol. The risk from too high a cholesterol level, he says, affects about 20 per cent of the population. The rest have relatively normal cholesterol.

Those at the top of the scale would be wise to alter their diet, and possibly even take drugs, to bring the cholesterol down. Those with a moderate elevation of cholesterol should watch their diet.

Pinpointing those who are particularly at risk would mean taking blood tests from the entire population and that would be uneconomic. So it makes sense to give general dietary advice to the population as well as specific advice to those who are at high risk.

Professor Oliver says that because raised cholesterol and the third big risk factor, high blood pressure, tend to run in families, family doctors are ideally placed to monitor the disease. They should look for families where several members have had coronaries or strokes, or have had them prematurely.

GPs should then contact colleagues who are looking after other members of those families and advise them that their patient should be screened. This sort of screening is economic to do and practical, says the professor. "The yield is much higher than it would be from going across the whole population."

There is strong circumstantial evidence from experimental, biochemical and epidemiological studies that coronary heart disease should be preventable. So does the British group go along with the World Health Organization view that the debate now is "on how, not on whether, CHD could be prevented."?

Professor Oliver believes the weight of the evidence does not permit unreserved endorsement of the WHO view. "In other words, by doing all that we are suggesting we believe that we will manage to reduce the incidence but not totally prevent the disease."



Health warning: Professor Michael Oliver of Edinburgh

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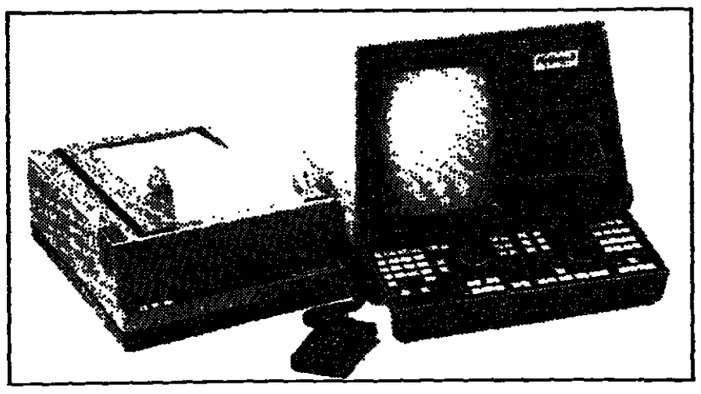
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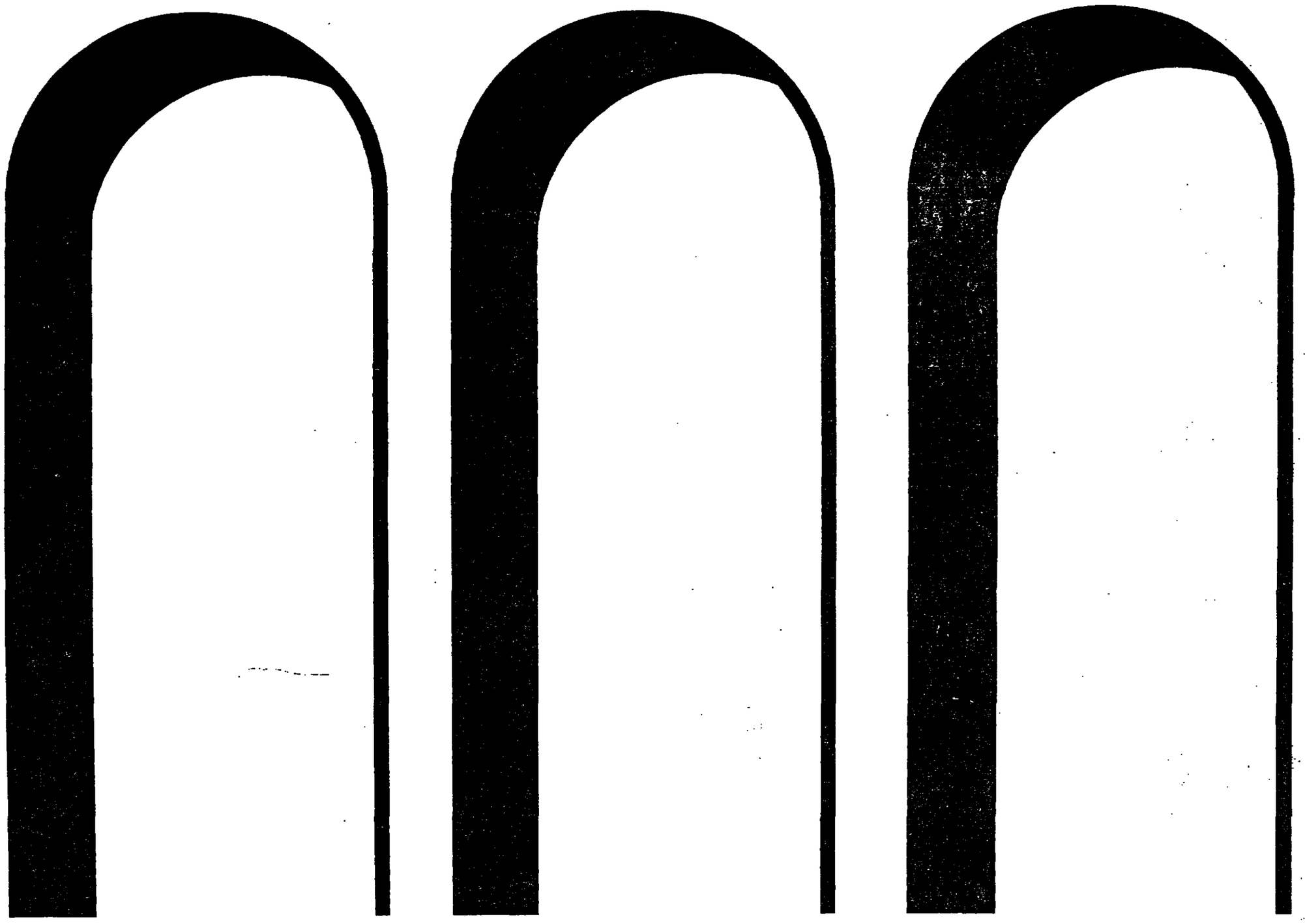
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Olivetti enters new era

THE WEEK

By Matthew May

The Italian computer firm, Olivetti, announced a range of new products in London last week where chairman Carlo Benedetti promised "a new Olivetti of the minicomputer age."

The choice of a London launch for Olivetti was to have coincided with the state visit of President Cossiga, and despite its cancellation the company's move out of home territory emphasised a determination to be seen as the European computer firm that can challenge the industry's domination by American companies.

Last week's launch covered new minicomputers, workstations networks and claims of compatibility, both within the range and with a whole host of standards slowly being established within the industry.

Olivetti's emphasis on compatibility is an attempt to challenge the large firms in the minicomputer sector and particularly Digital Equipment, whose success has been boosted by having a computer range from small minis to near mainframes that are compatible with each other.

Customers have become increasingly concerned about the need for systems where different pieces of equipment can communicate with each other.

This year Olivetti moved into tenth place in the *Datamation* magazine league table of the top 10 of computer firms in the world. Siemens is the only other European firm to feature in a list dominated by American companies.

Olivetti has made succesful inroads over the past four years with its personal computers — it now holds second place to IBM in the European market. But after several years of increasing profits the company is expected to announce a sharp drop this year due to a fall in sales to AT&T and restructuring costs after the purchase of Triumph Adler last year.

AT&T, which has a 23.5 per cent stake in Olivetti, is this year expected to buy less than a quarter of the 180,000 personal computers it ordered last year to sell on under its own name.

Last June Olivetti announced several new personal computers as a response to IBM's recent PS/2 machines.

Success with its new minicomputers are seen as vital for a return to profit increases in 1988 but it will not be an easy task. Company officials admit that the company's earlier attempt to move into the mainframe business by selling on computers supplied by the Japanese firm Hitachi had dismal sales.

"They really are trying to change their image, to promote a new Olivetti look," said Alberto Alonzo, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd said.

"These new products are a culmination of Olivetti's strategy of not just being a maker of computers, but of offering networks and services. They are still identified as an office automation company ... people don't associate them with being in the minicomputer business. They will need to do some convincing."

For Mr Benedetti the problems are also more philosophical. "Manufacturers are in danger of passing for apprentice magicians, letting lose phenomena which may present a high margin of risk, as recent events on world financial markets seem to indicate," he said.

"Manufacturers and users of these technologies must acquire a new sense of responsibility. Only then can we achieve a balanced transition towads a new social organisation without paying too high a price".



Carlo de Benedetti: "Danger of apprentice magicians"

Specialist firms in line for network contracts

NETWORKS

By Pat Sweet

Many companies are likely to cease developing their own private networks and opt for services provided either by the big organizations that run national systems, such as British Telecom, or by new specialist firms.

The prediction is made by Butler Cox, the management consultancy, in a report due out next month which looks at trends in data communications over the next five years. If these changes come about, they are likely to have a radical impact on the careers of many people.

The author, Jim Norton, who spent 17 years with British Telecom, points out for example, that the changes will mean a completely new role for the telecommunications manager in a company.

He said: "Until now, most of telecommunications managers have been pre-occupied with technical maintainance of a private network and assessing new gadgets." But in future they will need to adapt to a new entrepreneurial role as what he describes as "communications brokers," with the crucial role of explaining the different options available to senior management.

There will be an emphasis on the ability to manage external suppliers and resources and for such managers to be more commercially aligned with the business rather than the technlogy. They will also tend to buy in outside expertise rather than try to do everything in-house.

Telecommunications managers who want to remain responsible for purely technical decisions will move into consultancy, the running of specialist networks, or to the computer firms who will increasingly move in on the telecommunications market.

The report also predicts that European PTTs are going to find it difficult to provide the sort of one-stop shopping services for communications that companies will demand.

Mr Norton believes that despite their established networks, large customer base and big investments, the PTTs will be hampered by problems of international co-operation, restrictions on the activities of their sales setups and commitment to existing services.

"Their problem," he said, "is not that they can't see the opportunities but that they can't find an enabling mechanism to pull it all together. They still regard one another as competition."



Jim Norton: new role for telecommunications manager

That leaves the way open for third parties to set up internationally managed data networks providing international services and taking over the problems of attaching different manufacturers equipment to the network.

Such networks will support both proprietary systems, such as IBM's Systems Network Architecture, and Open Systems Interconnection standards, and to give customers compatible services across national boundaries.

They are more likely to come from computer manufacturers who have the necessary experience of marketing to big companies rather than the smaller telecommunications suppliers.

Mr Norton is expecting at least three big players in this market, including possibly a non-technical multinational which enters by acquisition. With 40 per cent of the worldwide expenditure on telecommunications, US companies look well-placed.

There will also be strong growth in specialist sector networks, offering services tailored to a particular group, such as lawyers and airline operators. Both factors will combine to produce a dramatic decline in the number of firms choosing to operate their own networks.

It will be cheaper to buy into an external service and compaies will also divest themselves of those specialist staff seen as difficult to motivate and promote outside the normal career path. The only exceptions will be cases where the network is so intimately related to the business objectives of the company that it forms a major competitive advantage.

In such companies which are most likely to be in the financial services sector, the telecommunications manager is responsible for spotting new business opportunities by exploiting the technology.

● *The Battle for the European Data Communications Market*, by Butler Cox, 12 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1, to be published next month

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Who wins what

Tomorrow night the winners of the UK Technology Press Awards, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and Hewlett-Packard will be announced at a special awards cermony at Claridges hotel hosted by Cliff Michelmore.

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Learning to be a friendly work station master

By Martin Banks

As the number of people using computers, and their cousins the workstation, continue to grow, the increasing amount of processing power available means that many employees should not have to become as computer literate now as manufacturers strive to make their systems increasingly "user friendly".

About 1.5 million people in Britain now use workstations in their jobs, says IBM. By and large these tend to be fairly specialized; systems that are more powerful, and more expensive than the usual common or garden personal computers.

This is about to change as is the workstation itself and the way in which it is used. IBM figures predict that by 1995 there will be 12 million workstations in use in British industry. In addition, it believes that there will be some six million computers in use at home.

All this represents a significant, two-pronged attack on the way in which people work and the tools at their disposal.

The personal computer opened up the idea of the individual working with a computer system. The advent of networking showed that communications between the individuals, and the home and office, could be established.

In both cases, however, the facilities available are arguably limited and have either restricted the amount of work an individual has been able to perform, or limited the use of such systems to those professionals with the aptitude and the need to learn how to exploit them better.

The appearance of machines like the Compaq Deskpro 386/20, however, mark a major shift in performance for personal computers. Here is a box that in certain respects has the performance and power comparable to a current graphics workstation system costing upwards of £50,000.

Couple that to the appearance of new, all-digital telephone branch exchange systems, such as IBM's new 8750 and the digital Rolmphone that goes with it, and the work environment in industry and commerce may change dramatically.

The Rolmphone has the facility to connect a PC directly into the all-digital PBX, creating a whole new meaning to the word network.

It has, for example, the ability to combine voice and data traffic on a single telephone cable. When the PC is connected to such a system, has the power and performance of a high-resolution graphics workstation, and can be located equally well in either the office or at home, then work practices are bound to change.

Much will depend upon economics as to how these new capabilities will be used. The new workstation systems will start out at around the £5000 mark, but could well drop to £2000-£3000 over the next few years.

Adding in the cost per extension of the PBX, up to £360, means that it will soon be possible to have tremendous networked power available for under £3000 per user.

This makes it possible to foresee the spread of such systems in a much wider range of jobs within industry and commerce.

The power of the workstation itself will make it possible to create new work environments for staff. For example, much has been written in the past about icons and window environments, yet the power of existing systems has limited its exploitation and usefulness.

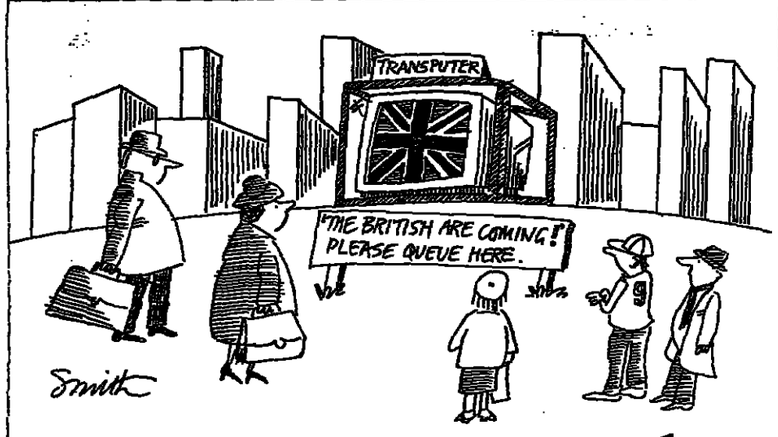
Currently, the typical user falls into two categories. The first is the clerical/secretarial role, where much of the day-to-day data entry work is performed. The other is the professional decision-maker using database, financial management and spreadsheet applications.

From now on, the range of users will spread into a much wider range of office-oriented line-work, such as technical documentation, graphic design and project organization, as well as new work areas such as knowledge management.

The real trick, however, is to have an environment in which the people who are good at their job, rather than those that are good at using computers or organizing others, become the key users.

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■ **Scottish Computer Show**, April 12-14, Glasgow (01-891 5051)



Jobs boom up-market

By Richard Sarson

In a dark corner on the fringes of last week's Compec exhibition was a small stand called the Transputer Forum, occupied by four young hardware and software companies.

The stand highlighted the potential explosion of job prospects in the fashionable world of parallel processing.

The four companies have been formed to exploit the new technologies opened up by the Transputer, the innovative British chip developed over many years by Inmos, part of Thorn-EMI.

One of them, Real World Graphics, has put together Transputers for clever graphics applications in flight simulation, architectural visualization and graphic arts.

But the programs to use many of these applications do not yet exist, least of all those which will make use of parallel processing techniques.

First opportunities are likely to be for programmers with a strong background in graphics.

Two other firms, Whitecross and Top Express, believe they have found even more important uses for the Transputer, far away from the technical and scientific world, which has so far been the habitat for parallelism.

This is the financial sector, where Big Bang has put such a strain on conventional computer systems that there are several firms desperate to find new solutions.

Innovative computer managers see parallel processors as being one answer to their soaring numbers of transactions. Because of the way Transputers work, if customers run out of power all they need to do is ping in another Transputer — the ultimate in "upgradability" as the computer industry would have it.

And several linked Transputers can be more reliable than one mainframe.

But, before the Transputer

An answer to a soaring number of transactions

in the City becomes a reality there is a lot of work to be done — compilers will have to be written, database packages converted and financial terminals linked.

Financial and commercial software will need to be written in Occam, the Transputer's parallel processing language. Or, it may be found that Occam is unsuitable for commercial programming, and other high-level parallel languages will have to be written.

The four companies on the Compec stand are only the tip of an iceberg. Peter Cavill of Inmos said that there are already 50 companies incorporating the Transputer, while 250 companies are committed to design new products with it next year.

If the Transputer continues to take off it looks as if it could even become a standard chip for fast computers, with some industry analysts predicting it could replace chips from the the American firms Intel and Motorola.

Now is the critical period for Britain as research in parallel processing moves out of the leisurely world of academia and increasingly into live products — a time where British inventions have frequently ended up marketed better by foreign competitors.

One possible solution is demonstrated by a firm called Niche Technology. It was formed six weeks ago with American money by Richard Bloch, a pioneer of the US computer industry, and Ian Pearson, previously with Inmos. Offices have opened in Bristol and Houston. Production will be in Taiwan but its research and development will be in Bristol.

It will be a combination of UK technology and US marketing skill. Its Advanced Computing Platform, like other products in the pipeline, will require a technical workforce which knows how to program in Occam, how to think in parallel and how to market the new concepts.

This calls for somebody to train the new skills, in a hurry. If we don't, foreigners will be happy to exploit the Transputer for us.

Tuning in to top recruits

RECRUITMENT

The recruitment of researchers in science and technology by the private sector has taken a step towards computerization with a service that gives companies access to a database of potential staff who are postgraduates at British universities or polytechnics, *writes Matthew May.*

It removes the need for firms themselves to monitor who is doing what and where.

The system, Science and Technology Employment, is run by Longman Cartermill, which claims that half of Britain's leading 500 companies have expressed interest in using the system.

The company also runs the British Expertise in Science and Technology database, which has information on the different research projects being carried out in Britain.

British education has yet to follow the example of Stanford University, however, which is planning a system for the end of the year which will contain the profiles of their pastgraduates regardless of whether they are looking for jobs or happily employed.

Subscribing companies will get a list of graduates who match the requirements of a particular job vacancy. Initial details are given without names, sex or age. If the candidate is interested a meeting is arranged.

To start with, the databse will contain details of 4,000 or 5,000 graduates with computer science, business or engineering degrees. An expansion to 10,000 is expected by the end of the first year.

There are plans to add three more colleges to the system, including Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

More than 50 firms have joined so far including Du Pont, Boeing, Tandem Computers and Hewlett-Packard. They will pay a fee of £2,000 per year.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

'New and better things' for the programmers

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter





Programmers wil have to understand their employers business more if they are to protect their jobs over the next ten years says Alan Benjamin, pictured above.

In the early days of computing, applications programming – at machine-code level – was complex, programs simple in their application, and system analysis virtually non-existent. Gradually, the applications programmer was supported by systems software, operating the systems and high-level languages, and at the other end by the development of systems design and analysis techniques.

As the power of hardware and the cost and performance ratios changed, programming and systems analysis became more sophisticated. Programmers and analysts grew in numbers to become the dominant type of staff employed in computer installations.

They were needed to cope with the continuing demand for ever-new computer applications and gradually tools, techniques and methods were introduced to help them.

Little has changed in terms of the way computer staff are seen. Programmers, followed

City gives £25,000 research bursary

by analysts, still predominate on the jobs scene, but changes in hardware, software and information technology in general signal the start of a shift in the type and emphasis of computer staff that companies will employ in future.

In the same way that machine-code programming moved to a higher level, so too it is expected that programming and analysis, as they exist today, will move on to new and better things.

Aware of this, the recently formed City livery company, the Company of Information Technologists, has awarded a £25,000 postgraduate bursary to the City of London Business School for research into the future skills in information technology needed by people working in the City.

Alan Benjamin, director of communications at CAP and one of the founders of the Company of Information Technologists, says: "Programmers will move to a higher level and become program assemblers using new tools and assembly methods to produce systems devised in block form by systems designers. There will be little programming involved."

George Penney, director of the National Computing Centre (NCC) agrees. He says: "In commercial data processing, more sophisticated design software will mean a decreasing emphasis on programming. The software itself will be doing the basic programming within defined system specifications. It means a decrease in applications programming as we know it.

"When the software and storage costs drop, in say 10 years to enable general use at desktop level, we will see a change in requirements for programmers. However, before then we must still fill the current shortage of programmers and analysts which is running at up to 15 per cent in software development.

"Demand for analysts will increase as analyst workbenches will enable more systems to be developed. Therefore, programmers will need to be more people-oriented if they are to move into analysis.

"It poses a problem for the mechanistic type of person, though such people will still find a demand for their skills in computer systems design."

But even in this field there will be a change, according to Mr Benjamin. "People who design systems in the future will need to have wider experi-

New skills needed for retrieval

ence and greater knowledge of applications in depth."

"They will become less computer-systems designers and more simply just systems designers with a wider understanding of the user activities. Applications will be dominated by, not so much the application itself, but by its integration into the company's work.

A further growing skill requirement will be for designers handling information. With hundreds of databases becoming available to companies from different sources, both internal and external, it will need new skills to determine information selection and retrieval.

Information-handling designers will be needed to set constraints for a company and to structure user access to databases on the basis of a balance between cost and speed.

Overall it would appear that job skills and types will move up a level and we will see the demise of the type of work many existing programmers do.

This is already starting to happen as fourth generation languages (4GL) are spreading quickly and are leading towards more rapidly developed and disposable software.

The trend will become more pronounced as new auto-built tools and generators appear for 4GL, though traditional programming will not disapear overnight.

Mr Penney says: "Cobol still represents 50 per cent of the programming work currently undertaken in computer installations, and even if everyone stopped using Cobol today it would still take 15 years of substantial conventional programming effort to maintain existing systems until they were superceded."

A guide when lost in the corridors of technology power

Since the post of Minister for Science and Technology was abolished, and Sir Geoffrey Pattie's job with it, people in the high-tech industry have found it harder to grasp Government policy towards information technology, or see how they can influence it.

MPs are not seen as much help, as only 5 per cent of them have any personal experience of the subject and only a few attend debates on IT matters.

There are, however, some guides to technologists lost in the corridors of power.

One is Pitcom, an informal "Parliamentary Information Technology Committee", which meets about once a month in the Commons. It is open to non-MPs connected with the industry.

The pattern of the meetings is for IT members to do most of the talking, while the parliamentarians listen. A minister responds to the debate.

At the end of a recent Pitcom meeting, the Trade and

GOVERNMENT

By Richard Sarson

Industry Secretary, Lord Young of Graffham, contrasted the success of Apple, which was started in a garage 11 years ago with private venture-capital of $6000, against the swift collapse of the office-automation firm Nexos, set up around the same time by the National Enterprise Board at a cost to the taxpayers of £35 million.

He does not believe that government handouts help computer firms. As a result, his department is considering whether to continue funding of the Alvey and Esprit projects for "pre-competitive" research.

However, there is one area, where the government does still hand out money and encouragement.

On the very day last month when the Government pointedly did not send a minister to open an international space conference in Brighton, John Butcher, the Under-Secretary of State responsible for the computer industry, launched the second phase of the Vanguard project, which offers so called pump-priming for industry groups and trading associations who wish to do pilot schemes on paperless trading – the exchange of orders and invoices electronically.

The Government believes that paperless trading, unlike space or pre-competitive research, could give Britain an immediate competitive edge.

A guide to other government initiatives is contained in a new monthly newsletter, *IT in Parliament*. It also gives hints on how to lobby MPs.

The editor, Brian Murphy, explains that it is unrealistic to expect the generalist politician to act on a set of facts that seem self-evident to a computer person.

The newsletter identifies MPs who are interested in IT. For example, Mr Butcher was a computer man with Singer-Friden and Rank Xerox. He ended up, in 1978-9, as marketing manager with General Computer Systems (Datatext) before being elected MP for Coventry South West in the 1979 general election.

The newsletter also prints extracts from Hansard relevant to IT and details significant bills passed, such as the Consumer Protection Bill. It also covers EEC IT initiatives, such as Race and Esprit.

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Would you believe hi-tech salesmen?

COMPUTER BRIEFING

■ The public image of the computer industry is one of the poorest, according to the British Microcomputer Federation which describes the industry's reputation as only better than the travel industry and financial services companies. To try to improve the image, the federation has announced plans to sell a "seal of confidence" to software and hardware supplies and computer dealers in the microcomputer business. Subscribing firms get stickers to put on their products to show they follow the federations code of practice. The first company to sign-up is the British arm of US firm Ashton-Tate which will use the BMF seal on all its products from early next year. Microsoft and Lotus are expected to follow suit.

More job cuts in the Valley

■ Two leading Silicon Valley semiconductor manufacturers have announced job cuts totalling 1,000 in connection with recent acquisitions. Advanced Micro Devices said it will reduce research and development spending, which is averaging more than 25 per cent of sales, by $10 million a quarter. The reduction comes after the company's acquisition of Monolithic Memories and will eliminate technology-development programs in certain computer memory products and cut the workforce by about 500 employees.
National Semiconductor also said it would lay off 500 employees in the next several weeks. The reduction, which will primarily affect administrative and other non-manufacturing positions, is the second resulting from National's acquisition of Fairchild Semiconductor last month.

Telecomputing buy-out complete

■ Network Designs has announced the completion of a management buy-out from Telecomputing. It was formed as an associate company of Telecomputing to produce communications products between micros and mainframes and has installed around 5,000. The firm sells the Tango product for communications with ICL computers and Amethyst for IBM with the two combined giving PC connections between ICL and IBM machines.

Japanese move into Wales

■ The Japanese firm, Star Micronics, is to establish a printer manufacturing plant near Tredegar in South Wales. A new British subsidiary firm will be formed to run the 5000 square metre factory being bought from the Welsh Development Agency which will also provide grants. Seventy jobs will be created in the first year with a target of 180 staff by 1990.

India logs on to American Crays

■ The Indian government is to buy two giant Cray XMP-14 supercomputers from the US, the first sale of the system outside the Nato alliance. One will be located in Bangalore and the other in New Delhi. The US agreed to supply supercomputers to India earlier this year only after New Delhi had assured Washington that the system would not be used for military purposes. At that time the Indian government said it would buy one Cray XMP-24, to be used to improve weather forcasting and agriculture capabilities.
The sale follows a statement last month that the US had agreed to supply "highly sophisticated defence equipment" to India which it had not sold to other countries. Though the US is India's largest trade partner, the Soviet Union is the country's main defence supplier.



Screwdriver!

Where are the gentle sex?

■ Girls are being prevented from learning about computers and technology because teachers regard the disciplines as "boys' subjects", the Equal Opportunities Commission claims. In new guidelines for primary schools, drawn up after research work in Sheffield, the EOC says science and technology subjects are "dominated by boys".
It asks teachers to check that computer software for the classroom is "non-sexist, non-racist and wherever possible portrays girls in active positive roles". Teachers should ensure girls get an equal amount of time on computer keyboards and should choose a girl to demonstrate computer use to the class, the guidelines say.

West German jolt

■ Siemens, the electronics-to-nuclear-power-giant and West Germany's leading computer firm, announced a cut in its dividend on Tuesday giving a new jolt to West German business confidence already shaken by the broad crash in share values. Siemens said it was cutting its dividend after net profit fell to a provisional 1.3 billion marks (£430 million) from 1.47 billion (£487 million) the previous year. Siemens has seen fewer orders for nuclear plant equipment and reduced business in computers and electronics. Analysts say West German companies follow a cautious dividend policy and that it is rare for them to change their pay-outs. Siemens was expected to cover the effect of a lower profit from its vast cash reserves.

Paperless police

■ The era of the paperless police station moved closer last week with the arrival of a computer system which will eventually replace the traditional notebook. Fifteen uniformed officers in Exmouth, Devon, are to use small portable computers computer in a year-long experiment backed by a £225,000 Home Office grant. Police chiefs hope the £1,500 computers will later be used by police forces throughout Britain.
The computers are primed with vital questions for officers to ask witnesses at scenes of crime and information is fed back to a computer at the police station. Each officer is given his own password to stop crime information falling into the wrong hands but at the moment the machines are not programmed to deal with major investigations such as murders.
This is the first time the Home Office has awarded a grant for research work of this kind

Learn to respect the hardware

PEOPLE

By Ann Kent

"Information technology ought to be about teaching people to do things in different ways. But far too many people use it to do the wrong things faster. And they waste millions in the process. No wonder the Japanese are beating us"

It was just as well that Tom Bevington was handicapped by a migraine on the day of our interview. For he admits that once he gets going on the way office technology is misused, he feels an urge to grab his listeners by the throat.

Mr Bevington concedes that he probably sees the worst of the casualties. He has just moved to Australia to work for a managemnt consultancy and until July was director of information technology for AT Kearney. He tends to get called in when things have gone badly wrong.

One of his clients, for example, recently spent £9 million on developing new software, which is now costing the company an extra £250,000 to run. Inevitably the added expense has been built in to the price of their product.

At the root of these troubles is the "just in case" way software is put together says Mr Bevington. Because the data processing manager is only a middle level executive, he has to take on board all the working practices of different departments who will use the terminals. He lacks the clout to insist on more efficient working methods.

"We see people with stock worth millions of pounds, operating a manual stock control system. And what are they doing with their new office technology?"

"They are rewriting their payroll systems because it has been decided from on high that the existing payroll packages don't exactly fit their requirements. The envelopes don't fit, or whatever.

Mr Bevington, like most people who have been in computing for more than ten minutes, arrived in a roundabout way. In the late 1960s he had graduated in engineering and was designing high performance engines for Fords.

He started writing programs to avoid some of the more repetitive parts of his job, and was snapped up by the computer department.

He then joined Players with the then revolutionary task of using computers to get maximum production from the machines. Mr Bevington learned that productivity data could be wildly inaccurate when bonuses were at stake and that you could achieve little unless you got the foreman on his side.

He was then transferred to Courage and was faced with a major foul up within two days of his arrival. The computer invoicing system was so chaotic that a garage had seized a



Tom Bevington: Lack of firms' expertise in application and misuse of office systems causes despair

sales rep's car, removed its wheels and was refusing to release it until the garage bill was paid.

"At that stage the software had become more expensive than the hardware, and I had to introduce new systems."

"Unfortunately many people's definition of service is a nice word processed or E-mailed letter explaining how sorry the manufacturer is.

"This is the wrong use of the technology. You don't automate your excuses, you eliminate the problem. You should be concentrating on getting your produce there earlier than the Japanese can."

But he has found many companies still have totally unreal ideas of their own performance. Mr Bevington tells of one firm which was convinced it answered requests for orders 95 per cent of the time. But the 95 per cent only applied to goods which were actually in stock – so the directors were blissfully unaware of the very large number of clients they were failing.

"Even if data processing managers see solutions to a problem, they don't have a cat in hell's chance of communicating with the people in the board room who make all the important decisions. Data processing needs to be given much higher status if the right use is ever to be made of information technology.

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A sales drive launched in harder times

By Geof Wheelwright

As the stock market nears the end of the first gloomy month of the bear market, those who brought information technology to the City for Big Bang are now trying to sell a second generation of computer systems to the market makers, amid tight budgets and a strong demand for increased processing power.

Manufacturers of lower-cost personal computers are hoping to get in on the depressed market believing that companies which were willing to spend large sums on minicomputer systems might now look at poweful micros as a cheaper alternative.

One British company trying to make the most of the situation is Apricot Computers, which last week announced its PC-based based Citydesk system. The system, which uses 386 processors on PCs costing from £3,000 to £5,000, includes facilities such as the ability to look at several information services at once on the same screen.

Citydesk uses Microsoft's picture-controlled windows to make its system easier to use by City staff.

It also uses the latest Excel spreadsheet system as a base for stock market management and communications software. It could represent a crucial market for Apricot in the coming months, with IBM's new Personal System/2 computers likely to provide tough competition for some firms in selling to general customers. Establishing products in specialized markets is seen as one answer.

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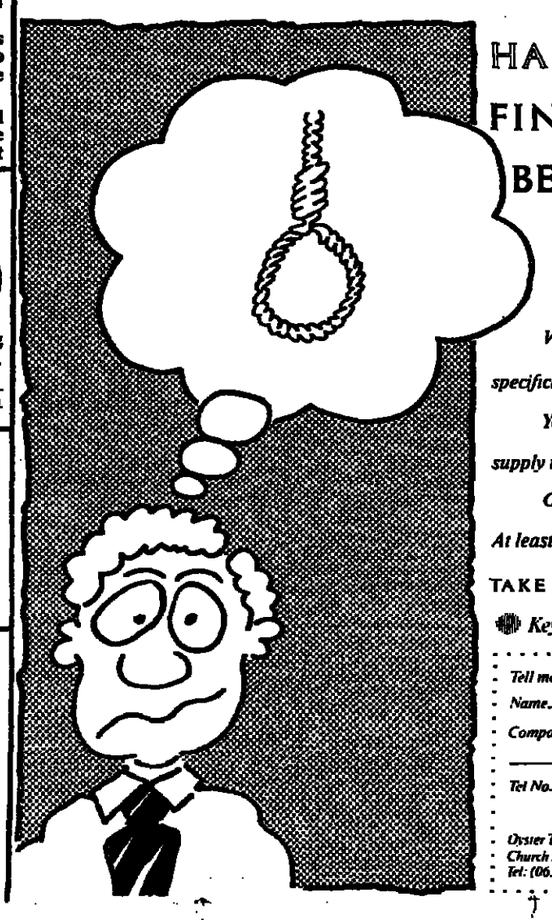
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HORIZONS

A guide to career opportunities

The healing arts

Long before Van Gogh doctors were aware of the therapeutic value of art for the mentally ill, but in the first of a series on teaching therapies, Joan Llewelyn Owens sketches in the potential for this new profession

For many years psychiatrists and psychoanalysts have found that drawings and paintings can make a valuable contribution to the therapeutic process. It is only during the past decade, however, that the profession of art therapist has been formally recognized by the Health Service, and a career structure become available.

Art therapy is not easy to define. Indeed, in a way art therapists' work depends upon the needs of their clients. Art therapy is not about teaching people to draw or paint. Joy Schaverien, one of the lecturers in art therapy at Hertfordshire College of Art and Design, explains: "Quite often art reveals far more than words. It reveals unconscious processes as well as conscious ones. However, art therapy is not about interpreting other people's minds through their picture.

"The picture produced tells me nothing, but indicates a lot. It will perhaps indicate that this person is feeling this way in relation to an incident in the past, or the present, or both at once, and it may help me to decide which way to go next."

Her colleague, Dr Janek Dubowski, referring to the value of art therapy for the severely mentally handicapped, says: "Quite often pictorial expression, even at a primitive symbol stage, will allow a person to express feelings which, because of lack of language, cannot be expressed in any other legitimate way."

Work in drug and alcohol treatment centres

Art therapists work with individuals and with groups, usually as part of a multi-disciplinary team. They provide a safe environment, in which strong feelings can be expressed, but also contained. The atmosphere is one of trust. At the most basic level this means always keeping one's word, and that includes being punctual.

Whereas in the past the practice of art therapy was largely concerned with the mentally ill or the mentally handicapped, today it is by no means confined to those areas. Art therapists work in child guidance clinics, family therapy, marital therapy, counselling services, psychotherapy departments, drug and alcohol treatment units, and adolescent centres.

Smaller numbers are involved in education, both with adults and with children. They run sessions in special schools, and in ordinary primary or secondary schools, where the behaviour of difficult and disruptive children can often be contained through the co-operation of therapist and teacher. A few are employed by the prison service and the probation service.

In the community you find people like Colin Teasdale, secretary of the British Association of Art Therapists, who has completed a research degree in art psychotherapy at the Royal College of Art in relation to his work with homeless people. He is now running a course in New Cross, London, to support people who have moved into their own, or shared, accommodation after periods of institutional care or homelessness; and for people who find themselves socially isolated.

Through art, the course aims to provide the opportunity to explore and share issues of personal importance, within an educational and counselling framework. "They need to develop creative skills in order to build themselves into their accommodation", said Colin. "They also need to gain insight as to why they were homeless in the past and how that can be changed."

He has found a strong link between those who attend his sessions and the people who remain in their accommodation and then go on to renew ties with families, make new friends and perhaps enter education or employment.

Before you can become an art therapist, you must understand the nature of creativity as well as the nature of imagery. Training is therefore postgraduate. The majority of students have a first degree in art and design, but applicants with professional qualifications in such fields as occupational therapy, psychiatric nursing, social work and teaching, are also considered. However, such people must also be artists, even if they have not received a formal training, and are expected to produce portfolios of their work at interview.

Students must be over 21, but most are in their early thirties. They normally have at least one year's experience in full-time relevant work in the health service, education or the community. A personal experience of therapy, particularly art therapy, is recommended.

Three places offer postgraduate courses in art therapy. Hertfordshire College of Art and Design at St Albans runs a foundation course and a one-year full-time or two year part-time course leading to a postgraduate diploma (CNAA) in art therapy.

This college also offers a two year part-time MA course; a two year advanced training diploma in art therapy; and research degrees to MPhil and PhD. Through the European Training Initiative it provides opportunities for workers from member states of the community to obtain professional training at St Albans.

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Finally, the University of Sheffield offers full or part-time study leading to the university's postgraduate diploma in art therapy. This is full-time over one year or part-time over two years. The university also offers study up to MPhil and PhD level.

All postgraduate diploma courses provide a mixture of theoretical studies, experimental workshops in art therapy and group dynamics, and practical experience through visits and supervised placements. Clinical theory includes studies in psychology, psychotherapy and psychiatry.

Students explore their own inner feelings

During the course students are expected to explore their own feelings and to understand their own pictorial imagery. "A testing degree of self-exposure is called for", says the Hertfordshire College brochure. "A necessary training for therapy is personal growth and the development of critical self-awareness, and this is encouraged within all aspects of the course."

The profession is still small, but is growing. Newly-qualified therapists often obtain posts as a result of their own initiative in persuading a health authority or the social services of the value of their work. Former students take students in training for placements and then manage to find new posts for them. Not all will have the title of art therapist. In prisons they may be called art tutor; in the social services they may be known as group workers.

They do not pretend that art therapy is a panacea for all ills, but it can provide a medium for self exploration, which in many cases will help people to come to terms with their problems.

● *Further information: British Association for Art Therapists, 13C Northwood Road, London N6 5TL.*

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Director's duty towards creditors

Liquidator of West Mercia Safetywear Ltd v Dodd and Another

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Caulfield

[Judgment November 19]

Where a company was insolvent a director's general duty to act in the best interests of the company included a duty to protect the interests of the company's creditors.

The Court of Appeal so stated, allowing an appeal by the liquidator of the property of West Mercia Safetywear Ltd, Mr N. J. Halls, from a decision of Judge Roy Ward, QC, sitting at Worcester County Court on April 29, 1987 whereby he had dismissed the liquidator's application for a declaration "that Albert James Dodd was guilty of misfeasance and breach of trust in relation to West Mercia Safetywear Ltd in as much as he did obtain and transfer for the benefit of A. J. Dodd & Co Ltd, a company of which he was director, on May 21, 1984 the sum of £4,000".

Mr Mark Phillips for the liquidator; Mr Timothy A. Jones for Mr Dodd.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the question concerned a fraudulent preference and misfeasance arising out of the liquidation of a company called West Mercia Safetywear Ltd. The appellant was the liquidator and the respondent to the appeal, Mr A. J. Dodd, was a director of West Mercia and another company called A. J. Dodd & Co Ltd. Both companies banked with Lloyds Bank. The account of West Mercia was in credit and that of A. J. Dodd & Co was considerably overdrawn.

The bank had a charge to secure the account of A. J. Dodd & Co on its book debts and the personal guarantee of Mr Dodds himself. The book debts of A. J. Dodd & Co included a debt of £30,000 due to the company from West Mercia. In 1984 both companies were insolvent and steps were taken to put the company into liquidation.

Mr Dodd and his co-director were told that the bank accounts of both companies were not to be operated. Subsequently, Mr Dodd instructed the bank to transfer £4,000 from West Mercia's account into the overdrawn account of A. J. Dodd Co.

To his Lordship's mind it was quite clear that there was a fraudulent preference of A. J. Dodd & Co. It followed that there was a misfeasance on the part of Mr Dodd as a director who owed a fiduciary duty to West Mercia in making that transfer by way of fraudulent preference: see *Re Washington Diamond Mining* ([1893] 3 Ch 95) especially the judgment of Lord Justice Kay (at p115).

The judge, nonetheless, felt that although Mr Dodd had acted improperly he had not misapplied any assets of West Mercia because he had used assets merely to pay in part a debt owed by West Mercia to A. J. Dodd & Co. The judge therefore concluded that Mr Dodd was not in breach of any duty of care with regard to West Mercia and he held that the proceedings were misconceived.

In reaching that conclusion the judge relied on certain comments which his Lordship himself had made in *Multinational Gas and Petrochemical Co v Multinational Gas and Petrochemical Services Ltd and Others* ([1983] 1 Ch 258). That case was however wholly different case from the present.

West Mercia was at the relevant time insolvent to the knowledge of the directors who had been told not to make transfers or deal with the company's account. Mr Dodd had in fraudulence of the creditors made a transfer for his own benefit.

In the *Multinational* case at the time of the transfer the company concerned was solvent and what the directors had done at the bidding of the shareholders was to make a business decision in good faith and act on that decision which subsequently turned out to be a bad decision

In the present case Mr Dodd was guilty of a breach of duty and the declaration sought ought to be made against him.

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Caulfield agreed.

Solicitors: Penningtons Ward Bowie for Flint Hand, Gloucester; Alexander & Co, Worcester.

Police may not withhold surveillance evidence

Regina v Brown (R. B.)
Regina v Daley

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Hodgson and Mr Justice Rougier

[Judgment November 17]

At the trial of defendants charged with theft of money taken from the back of a parked car, the trial judge was not entitled to allow the police to withhold evidence as to the colour and make of an unmarked police vehicle which had been involved in a surveillance operation in the area.

Their Lordships so held when allowing the appeals of Richard B. Brown and Desmond Roy Daley from their convictions on June 5, 1987 at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Judge Rountree and a jury) of theft.

Mr Noah Weiniger, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants; Miss Joanna Glynn for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE HODGSON said that two police officers who had been involved in the surveillance operation gave evidence that they had actually seen the offence being committed; another officer said that he had seen Brown run to a motor car driven by Daley. The case for the defence was that part of the account of the surveillance on that day was fictitious.

Counsel for the defence had to ask questions to elucidate how the surveillance had been conducted. It soon became clear that the police officers had decided to do what they could to ensure that details of the surveillance operation should be kept as secret as possible.

It was equally clear that counsel for the prosecution had not been told that her witnesses would seek to avoid answering any questions about the surveillance operation. She had to take instructions and those were given to her by the officer in charge of the surveillance operation which the defence contended had included a concocted story.

The judge allowed the prosecution to withhold the information about the car. In terms he excluded it on the ground of public policy.

It seemed clear to their Lordships that the extension of the exclusionary rule in *R v Rankine* ([1986] QB 861) to prevent the identification of the occupier of premises and the premises themselves used for surveillance was based and based only upon the protection of the owner or occupier of the premises being used and not, as had been submitted for the Crown, on the actual identity, *simpliciter*, of the observation post.

Their Lordships had been referred to no authority where the court had held that the making public of police methods or techniques was a public policy ground which would justify a judge in ruling inadmissible relevant evidence.

But if and when such arguments were to be raised it must be done properly. The Crown Prosecution Service must ensure that counsel was properly instructed to make the application and to identify with precision the evidence sought to be excluded and the reasons for its exclusion.

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Their Lordships were satisfied that the trial judge was not entitled to fetter counsel for the defence in the way he did and to exclude the evidence. That was a material irregularity in the trial.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Snaresbrook.

Public opinion irrelevant factor

Regina v Wilkinson

Before Lord Justice Neill, Mr Justice Peter Pain and Mr Justice Owen

[Judgment given November 17]

It was wrong for a judge to impose a custodial sentence in order to satisfy public opinion.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing the appeal of Gannon Francis Wilkinson against the sentence of 18 months' youth custody imposed on him on August 18, 1987 at Warwick Crown Court (Judge Thomas Dillon, QC) on conviction of causing grievous bodily harm, actual bodily harm and reckless driving. A probation order for 12 months was substituted, six months of which were to be spent at the probation hostel to which he had been sent while on bail.

Mr Philip Bown, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

MR JUSTICE PETER PAIN said that after a discotheque at a golf club the appellant, aged 20, angered by damage caused to his car by someone unknown, had driven his car on to a grass verge and knocked over three men who were returning home.

He was remanded on bail to a probation hostel, where he did well. On conviction he asked Judge Dillon, who was not the judge who had remanded him, to send him back to the hostel under a probation order.

Judge Dillon, however, said that public outrage would follow if the appellant were freed and, although appreciating that Wilkinson would feel that he was being treated unjustly, one injustice had to be balanced against another.

In their Lordships' view the judge was wrong to sentence the appellant to a term of youth custody on the basis of public opinion. The change of atmosphere on the question whether the law should be amended to increase sentences was not a matter which could be taken into account by a judge. That was a matter for Parliament.

The fact that there was public discussion on leniency in sentencing was no reason for the courts to depart from the general principle, clearly laid down by the Court of Appeal, that the resort to bail and probation hostels should be encouraged: see *R v Gillam* (1980) 2 Cr App R (S) 267). Those were valuable weapons which should not be blunted in any way.

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Graf enjoys No. 1 ranking, but she still lags behind Navratilova as a complete tennis player

Navratilova still top of the world

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

When it comes to identifying the best players in the world, the players' associations allow computers to do their thinking. This ignores the fact that computed rankings are designed merely to assess the players' form in all tournaments, on all surfaces, during a 12-month period: so that the leading players in the list can be granted direct entry to big events.

The game has no genuine world individual championships. If it had, they would be based on the grand slam tournaments of Australia, France, Wimbledon and the United States. Ivan Lendl often makes the point that his year is geared to those events. Martina Navratilova, who has had a disappointing year by her own standards, recently made the ironic but reasonable comment that she wished every year could be as bad.

During 1987, Miss Navratilova won the Wimbledon and United States titles and was runner-up for the Australian and French. She also shared (with Pam Shriver) the Australian, French and US doubles titles and (with Emilio Sánchez) the US mixed championship. At Flushing Meadow she became the first player since Billie Jean King, at Wimbledon in 1973, to win all three available titles in a grand slam tournament.

Steffi Graf, though she has lost only two singles matches this year, has established herself as no more than Miss Navratilova's closest challenger for supremacy. Miss Graf did not compete in Australia. She won in Paris and was runner-up at Wimbledon and Flushing Meadow. Her best performance in a grand slam doubles, with Gabriela Sabatini, was to reach the French final. Miss Graf did not play in mixed events. She has yet to prove herself a complete player.

The comparative records prove two points: Miss Navratilova must still be regarded as the best player in the world because she produced the goods more often than Miss Graf in the grand slam championships; the "No. 1" controversy arises only because there is no points-linked world championship series. There should be.

No matter what Miss Graf or the computed rankings may tell us, Miss Navratilova remains precariously at the top of the heap. She has also been the outstanding player, of either sex, in 20 years of open competition in grand slam championships. One's only reservation is that, in fairness to those players who won grand slam titles both before and after the introduction of open competition, they must be omitted from any appraisal limited to the past 20 years. That rules out Rod Laver, Margaret Court and Billie Jean King.

Of the other women who have won grand slam singles titles in the past 20 years, three stand out: Miss Navratilova (17 singles and 31 doubles), Chris Evert (18 and three), and Evonne Goolagong (seven and six). The next in line are Virginia Wade (three and four) and Hana Mandlikova (four singles).

The men's list — again, restricted to grand slam triumphs in the past 20 years — would begin with John McEnroe (seven singles and eight doubles), though it could be argued that Bjorn Borg (11 singles) was the better singles player because his six French and five Wimbledon titles were won on the two extremes of slow clay and fast grass. Other leading men to win grand slam singles titles are Jimmy Connors (eight and two), Ilie Nastase (two and five) Stan Smith (two and five), Lendl (six singles), and Mats Wilander (four and one).

Lendl's ultimate status (remains a matter for conjecture. He is good enough to achieve a grand slam in singles by winning all four titles in a row. But one would like to see him improve his volleying (and his reputation as an all-round player) by giving doubles serious attention.

His immediate future looks brighter than Miss Navratilova's but, for the moment, these two remain the best players in the world. Miss Graf may cherish her dreams and her ranking. But she has yet to take over from the greatest player to emerge from the era of open competition.

$1 million woman

Steffi Graf has become only the second player in the history of women's tennis to win more than $1 million (£562,000) in a season. Her victory over Gabriela Sabatini on Sunday took her to the seven-figure amount, a mark previously achieved by only Martina Navratilova.



Heading the bill at Madison Square Garden: Graf shows her Virginia Slims trophy after beating Sabatini 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4

Sabatini earns praise

By Linda Pentz

It was new lamps for old at Madison Square Garden on Sunday, and the genie who emerged to surprise the world champion, Steffi Graf, was Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina.

In the most fitting end to a year that has witnessed the emergence of an exciting new rivalry in women's tennis, Miss Graf, aged 18, defeated Miss Sabatini, aged 17, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4 in the final of the Virginia Slims championship.

The match was played over a best-of-five-sets format, the only one of its kind in women's tennis. It has yet to go the distance.

Miss Graf, who has retained the No. 1 ranking since gaining it for the first time in August, could not be toppled at the championship. Martina Navratilova, ranked No. 2, had hoped to prove herself the better player by winning the tournament that concludes the women's circuit.

But Miss Navratilova, aged 31, fell victim to the top-spin power of Miss Sabatini in the semi-finals, while her old rival, Chris Evert, was upset in the first round by Sylvia Hanika.

Miss Graf had given up just 10 games without losing a set before Sunday, but Miss Sabatini surprised her with an impressive back-court attack in the first set of the final.

Miss Graf, who also partners Miss Sabatini in doubles, expressed surprise at even finding her across the net.

Miss Sabatini read the direction of Miss Graf's service and responded with blistering returns. She anticipated the angle of Miss Graf's passing shots and made successful forays to the net to put away somewhat looping but deftly placed volleys.

Miss Sabatini fought hard to diminish a 5-3 deficit in the second set, breaking Miss Graf for 5-4 but dropping her own serve to yield the set when she volleyed into Miss Graf's forehand.

In the third set, it was Miss Sabatini's stamina, often a source of deficiency in the past, which again let her down as she lost the set 6-0 and fell behind 3-0 in the fourth set in the midst of a 10-game losing streak.

The old Miss Sabatini might have shrugged and surrendered, but the new one cast smouldering glances at her opponent and fought back to 3-3 and 4-4, eventually losing serve at 5-4 down to concede the match as Miss Graf despatched one of her infamous booming forehands.

"After I won the second set I knew I was going to win it," Miss Graf said. "I was not tired at all. I could run a lot and go for a long time. I knew she couldn't."

Miss Graf collected a cheque for $125,000 (about £74,000), taking her 1987 earnings to $1,064,035 (£730,000).

Cash wins S African Open final

Johannesburg (AP) — Pat Cash, of Australia, the first seed, unleashed a strong finish to overpower Brad Gilbert, of the United States, in the final of the £230,000 South African Open championship. Cash's 7-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-0, 6-1 win was his first tournament success since he became Wimbledon champion in June.

Cash said the last two sets were "as good as any I played" in a tournament final. "I realized I had to do something and I started taking more chances," he said. His victory assures him of one of the eight berths in the Masters tournament in New York. Gilbert was one the players seeking enough points on the Nabisco Grand Prix circuit to overtake the Australian, who came to Johannesburg in seventh place in the Nabisco standings.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Exciting climax is looming after John Player draw

By Keith Macklin

No seeding committee could have formulated a more perfect draw for the John Player Special Trophy quarter-finals than that devised by human hands yesterday. As the balls were taken out of the bag, the sponsors must have jumped with delight to see that the four top clubs avoided one another, giving the prospect of outstanding pairings in the semi-finals and finals. That is, of course, unless there are surprises in store.

Wigan, the favourites, are drawn away to Salford, while Leeds travel to Springfield Park to face the only remaining potential giant-killers, Springfield Borough. Warrington and St Helens are given home ties against Oldham and Hull respectively, and if all these matches go according to form and league placings, there are mouth-watering prospects for the semi-finals.

However, the Salford coach, Kevin Ashcroft, said after his team had scraped through against the second division club, Dewsbury: "The better the opposition, the better we play. We don't mind Wigan or anybody at The Willows."

Leeds will not be too sanguine about visiting Springfield Borough. When the home side were at Blackpool and were called Blackpool Borough they gave Leeds a tremendous fright in a first-round cup game not many years ago and historians will recall that in the 1970s Borough played in a John Player final.

The club is playing well in the second division and relish the prospect of having its biggest attendance since its move from Blackpool to Wigan, and it will feel that it is not without hope of pulling off a surprise win.

When Warrington and Oldham met in a league game at Wilderspool earlier this season there was a furious confrontation, with several injuries, and with players regularly trooping in and out of the sin bin.

Hull are having a mediocre season in the first division, but St Helens have yet to find consistent form and Hull will travel the long distance from Humberside not without hope.

DRAW: Warrington v Oldham; Salford v Wigan; Springfield Borough v Leeds; St Helens v Hull.
Matches to be played next weekend.

ICE HOCKEY

Dundee Rockets put in tigerish performances

By Norman de Mesquita

Murrayfield Racers returned from their winning weekend in Rotterdam to find themselves still top of the Heineken League premier division. Whitley Warriors could only draw at Dundee and are still behind the Racers on goal difference.

Dundee Rockets emerged as the team of the weekend. They won at Fife on Saturday as well as taking a point from the Warriors and, having at last sorted out their off-ice problems, seem to be improving on the ice as well.

From today, they will be known as Dundee Tigers, the ice-rink directorate having restored the name that was synonymous with ice hockey in Dundee during the early post-war years.

Streatham was another famous name in those days, but the Redskins have fallen on hard times. A home defeat by Durham Wasps and an away loss against Solihull Barons have seen them fall to the bottom of the League.

London, in fact, could be called an ice-hockey disaster area with Richmond Flyers without a point at the bottom of the first division South and the Lee Valley Lions, who conceded 32 goals in two weekend defeats, only two points ahead.

The Redskins must be wishing they still had Craig Melancon. On his debut for Nottingham Panthers he had three goals and five assists in an easy win over Ayr Bruins. Another weekend debutant was former National Hockey League defenceman, Jim McTaggart, who helped Peterborough Pirates to beat Ayr 6-4.

RESULTS: Heineken League: Premier division: Fife Flyers 8, Dundee Rockets 11; Nottingham Panthers 11, Ayre Bruins 4; Streatham Redskins 7, Durham Wasps 12; Dundee Rockets 9, Whitley Warriors 9; Durham Wasps 11, Nottingham Panthers 2; Peterborough Pirates 5, Ayr Bruins 4; Solihull Barons 9, Streatham Redskins 3. First division: Cleveland Bombers 24, Blackpool Seagulls 0; Slough Jets 16, Lee Valley Lions 3; Sunderland Chiefs 6, Glasgow Eagles 12; Telford Tigers 10, Swindon Wildcats 9; Aviemore Blackhawks 4, Sunderland Chiefs 10; Cardiff Devils 17, Swindon Wildcats 9; Deeside Dragons 5, Cleveland Bombers 13; Glasgow Eagles 15, Blackpool Seagulls 4; Medway Bears 16, Lee Valley Lions 1; Southampton Vikings 6, Richmond Flyers 1; Trafford Metros 15, Kirkcaldy Kestrels 5. Autumn Trophy Final: Second leg: Trafford Metros 5, Cardiff Devils 4. Cardiff win 11-10 on aggregate.

VOLLEYBALL

Speedwell see title hopes fade

By Roddy Mackenzie

Speedwell Rucanor, the English men's champions, slipped to their third defeat of the season at the weekend and, with the loss coming at the hands of WH White Poole, a team from the lower reaches of the league, their title hopes would appear forlorn even this early in the campaign.

The 3-1 defeat at their home court at Soundwell in Bristol — their third reversal in nine league matches — suggests that the title will be removed from the West Country, with the likely destination being London.

Time-Out Spark, the league leaders, lost their unbeaten record but remained on top of the first division. Spark succumbed to Liverpool City 11-15, 15-3, 15-13, 11-15, 13-15 after eight consecutive wins.

London rivals Malory moved menacingly into second place by defeating Redwood Lodge in straight sets but they have two difficult league hurdles to negotiate before Christmas with Polonia and Speedwell to be faced.

In the women's first division Sale, the defending champions, preserved their unbeaten record and moved to the top of the division by beating the two teams that were above them — Ashcombe (3-2) and Spark (3-1).

In Scotland, Provincial Insurance lost their first match in 28 starts in league and cup when Kyle bumbled them 15-7, 6-15, 15-6, 16-14 to steal an early march in the women's championship race.

JUDO

Briggs's accident should not exclude her from Olympics

By Nicolas Soames

Roy Inman, the manager of the successful British women's team, is to lead an international campaign to ensure that Karen Briggs, the three-times world bantamweight champion, who sustained a broken leg defending her title in Essen on Sunday, will be selected to appear in her event in the Olympic Games next year.

Women's judo is scheduled as a demonstration event. Although it will be a formal competition, only eight players in each weight category will participate, including the four medal winners from the Essen world championships and four Continental selections.

As one European woman, Jessica Gal, of The Netherlands, won a bronze medal, the International Judo Federation technically does not have to select another European.

"I think it would be a complete nonsense if Karen were not selected just because she had a tragic accident," Inman said. "It is supposed to be a demonstration event, and who better to demonstrate women's judo than the fighter who is regarded as one of the two greatest exponents?"

The incident was a severe blow to Miss Briggs, and the whole British team. Miss Briggs, aged 24, is at the height of her powers, and there was little doubt that she would have retained her title for a record fourth time.

"She had trained harder for this championships than ever before, if that is possible for Karen Briggs," Inman said. "My problem with Karen is to stop her training too much."



Briggs: out of action

There is still some doubt over the details of the incident that took place in Miss Briggs's first contest, when she was already a score up against Darlene Anaya, of the United States. "I turned in for a tai-otoshi and my left ankle gave way — but then I felt Anaya step on the leg," Miss Briggs said.

Miss Briggs acknowledges that it was an accident, but it was probably the American stepping on the leg that dislocated the ankle and snapped the tibia.

Three hours afterwards, she was in a nearby hospital having two steel plates inserted in her leg. She will not be able to walk for six weeks, and is unlikely to return to anything like full training for at least three months.

It was just one of a series of serious injuries that have dogged Miss Briggs's career. In 1986, she broke a bone in her foot, yet still managed to win the European and world championships. "I will be back on the mat next year," she said in her characteristically determined manner.

The accident marred what would otherwise have been a magnificent performance in the world championships, with two gold medals from the light-middleweight, Diane Bell, and the featherweight, Sharon Rendle; a bronze from the lightweight, Ann Hughes; the silver in the Open from the heavyweight, Elvis Gordon, and two bronzes from the middleweight, Densign White, and the lightweight, Kerrith Brown.

The men's medals should not be overshadowed by the women's tally. They mark the fulfilment of the promise shown so often by these three contestants, all from the Wolverhampton Judo Club, but never before demonstrated so evidently at such a top-level event.

Both White and Brown destroyed their opponents in the repêchage, combining their known technical excellence with an indomitable fighting spirit.

The heavyweight, Elvis Gordon, was simply transformed — revelling in his newly established fitness to crush some fearsome opposition. No heavyweight in the world will now be able to ignore his challenge. It augurs well for the Olympics.

SKIING

Britons saved by council

By Michael Coleman

With their World Cup Alpine races less than two weeks away, the British men learned with relief yesterday that all four of them are guaranteed places on the downhill slopes this season. The threat to cut the British quota to two has been averted.

At its meeting in Madrid on Sunday, the council of the International Ski Federation decided unanimously to keep last season's qualification by points system. It shelved a radical proposal to confine the World Cup races to those ranked in the first 150. This would have had a near-catastrophic impact on nations struggling to put teams together.

Two of the British team, which has been preparing since last April for this important Olympic season, would have found themselves immediately barred. All four, Martin Bell and his brother, Graham, Ronald Duncan and Nigel Smith can now look forward to a full season which starts at Val d'Isère on December 6. They commence their final warm-up week at Hintertux, Austria, today.

What swayed the Madrid meeting was a letter submitted by Tom Fitzpatrick, chairman of the British Ski Federation and by Lord Congleton which objected to the change on two grounds: 1, its timing, coming so suddenly with the season about to commence, and 2, the need for wider consultation with the countries which would be most inconvenienced.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

English trio get on to the scoresheet

By Simon O'Hagan

Mark Hateley and Gary Lineker, two players who have not had the happiest of seasons, enjoyed a change of fortune over the weekend when both were among the goals. And to underline the impact of the English abroad, Glenn Hoddle was on target as well.

Hateley, who has missed most of the season with injury, scored twice in Monaco's 3-0 win over Lens (Hoddle converted a penalty for the other), a result which put their team four points clear at the top of the French League. Lineker's goal, which gave Barcelona a 2-1 win at Real Betis, was his first in the Spanish League this season.

Barcelona are approaching a position of respectability — they lie eleventh in the table — though can only have a mathematical interest in events at the top, where Real Madrid continue to dominate. In their 2-0 win over Sabadell Sánchez scored from a penalty to give him 10 goals for the season. They lead by three points, Atlético Madrid having lost unexpectedly at home to Sporting Gijón 2-1.

Doubtless Ian Rush will have been casting envious eyes in the directions of Monaco and Barcelona. Once again he gave a disappointing peformance for Juventus in a match which, although his team won 2-1, may yet be awarded to their opponents. Cesena, after one of their players was injured by an explosive device thrown from the crowd as the teams left the pitch at half-time. A precedent for this was set earlier in the season when the Italian football authorities — who are to investigate Sunday's incident — overturned Pisa's victory over Napoli because of similar trouble.

Napoli remain top of the table, their 3-1 win over Torino owing almost everything to their star South American imports, Maradona and Careca. After Maradona had opened the scoring with a free kick after four minutes, Careca, of Brazil, added the other two. Napoli have seven wins and two draws from their nine matches. Their record still hardly bears comparison with PSV Eindhoven's. The Dutch League leaders made it 13 wins out of 13 this season.

● SARAJEVO: Refik Sabanadzovic, the Yugoslav international, who spent four days in a coma last week after being injured in a league game, is out of danger (Reuter reports).

● ZURICH: The UEFA appeals board has quashed the reversal of The Netherlands' 8-0 win against Cyprus in a European Championship qualifying tie and ordered the match to be replayed in an empty stadium (Reuter reports).

FENCING

Cup berth earned by Jones

By a Special Correspondent

Ian Jones, from Buckinghamshire, the national under-18 épée champion and latest addition to the senior squad, has won an opportunity to compete in the World Cup, the Challenge Martini international épée in March, by winning the Tyneside Open last weekend.

Jones forced Jason Lawrence, the prospective Olympic modern pentathlete, into third position after a particularly fierce contest.

Peter Kay surprised Donnie McKenzie, the British No. 2 in the foil. The Scot led to 9-5, but Kay took the lead at 10-9 after a controversial decision by the president in his favour. McKenzie tensed, and Kay was able to disrupt his timing to win by 12-10.

Amanda Ferguson, the British squad fencer, proved her supremacy as the top seed in the women's foil by defeating Lorraine Campbell, of Northern Ireland 8-4, the winner's narrowest margin of the day.

RESULTS: Men: Épée: 1, I Jones (St Helens Eton); 2, G Liston (RAF); 3, J Lawrence (MPAGB). Foil: 1, P Kay (York); 2, D McKenzie (Meadowbank); 3, S Watson (Edinburgh University). Sabre: 1, C Brockbanks (Darlington); 2, A Jamieson (unatt); 3, B Nesbitt (Northumbria). Women: Epée: 1, A Campbell (Meadowbank); 2, S Oscarb (Lindisfarne); 3, K Hamilton (Darlington). Foil: 1, A Ferguson (Ashton); 2, L Campbell (Ajax); 3, S Paterson (Meadowbank).

OVERSEAS RESULTS

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Graz AK 0, Vienna 4; Austria Klagenfurt 1, Rapid 1; Vienna Sportclub 1, Sturm Graz 1; Voest Linz 1, Admira Wacker 0; FCS Tirol 0, LASK 0; Austria Vienna 0, VFB Moeding 0. Leading positions: 1, Rapid, played 21, 36pts; 2, Austria Vienna, 21, 26; 3, Graz AK, 21, 26.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Antwerp 5, Cercle Bruges 2; FC Mechlin 1, AA Ghent 0; Charleroi 3, Winterslag 2; FC Bruges 2, Beerschot 4; FC Kortrijk 1, Anderlecht 1; Racing Jet 1, Beveren 1; Lokeren 1, Waregem 2; FC Liège 4, RWDM 0; St Truiden 1, Standard Liege 1. Leading positions: 1, FC Antwerp, played 15, 24pts; 2, FC Mechlin, 15, 22; 3, FC Bruges, 15, 21.

BULGARIAN LEAGUE: Etar 3, Chernomorets 0; Minyor 2, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 0; Vratsa 2, Sliven 0; Spartak Varna 2, Beroe 0; Spartak Pleven 0, Pirin 0; Trakia Plovdiv 1, Slavia 1; CFKA Sredets 4, Lokomotiv Gorna Oryahovitsa 0; Lokomotiv Sofia 1, Vitosha 3. Leading positions: 1, CFKA Sredets, 21pts; 2, Vitosha, 20; 3, Slavia, 19.

CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Tatran Presov 1, Sparta Prague 3; Dukla Banska Bystrica 4, TJ Vitkovice 1; Slavia Prague 2, ZVL Zilina 0; RH Cheb 4, Spartak Hradec Kralove 4; Sigma Olomouc 1, Dukla Prague 1; Bohemians Prague 2, Plastika Nitra 0; Dunajska Streda 1, Inter Slovnaft ZTS 0; Banik Ostrava 3, Spartak Trnava, postponed. Leading positions: 1, Sparta Prague, 23pts; 2, DAC Dunajska Streda, 18; 3, Sigma Olomouc, RH Cheb, 16.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Volendam 0, Feyenoord Rotterdam 3; FC Den Haag 1, Haarlem 2; FC Utrecht 2, FC Groningen 2; FC Twente Enschede 5, AZ Alkmaar 0; PSV Eindhoven 2, Roda JC Kerkrade 1; VV Venlo 1, FC Den Bosch 0; Fortuna Sittard 2, Willem II Tilburg 2; Ajax Amsterdam 6, PEC/Zwolle 4; DS'79 Dordrecht v Sparta Rotterdam, postponed. Leading positions: 1, PSV, played 13, 26; 2, Ajax, 14, 21; 3, Feyenoord, 14, 19.

EAST GERMAN LEAGUE: Karl-Marx-Stadt 2, Dynamo Berlin 4; Union Berlin 1, Dynamo Dresden 5; Stahl Brandenburg 3, Hansa Rostock 1; Carl Zeiss Jena 2, Zabrze 5. Leading positions: 1, Gornik Zabrze, played 15, 29; 2, Slask Wroclaw, 15, 21; 3, LKS Lodz, 15, 20.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Español 1, Las Palmas 2; Betis Seville 1, Barcelona 2; Celta Vigo 2, Murcia 0; Logrones 1, Real Sociedad 1; Real Mallorca 0, Valladolid 2; Sabadell 0, Real Madrid 2, Atlético Madrid 1, Sporting Gijón 2; Athletic Bilbao 2, Real Zaragoza 2; Valencia 1, Osasuna Pamplona 0; Cadiz 1, Seville 0. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 11, 19pts; 2, Atlético Madrid, 11, 16; 3, Celta, 11, 14.

SWISS LEAGUE: Neuchâtel Xamax 2, Grasshoppers 1; Aarau 0, Bellinzona 0; Basle 0, Servette 0; Lausanne 4, Sion 4; Zurich 2, Young Boys 3, Lucerne 2, St Gallen 0. Leading positions: 1, Neuchâtel Xamax, played 19, 25pts; 2, Grasshoppers, 19, 24; 3, Aarau, 19, 24.

TURKISH LEAGUE: Galatasaray 5, Kocaelispor 1; Bursaspor 2, Molospor 1; Fenerbahce 0, Besiktas 4; Adanademirspor 2, Eskisehirspor 2; Trabzonspor 3, Genclerbirligi 0; Karshyaka 4, Sakaryaspor 1; Ankaragucu 4, Altay 2; Denizlispor 2, Rizaspor 0; Malatyaspor 0, Zonguldakspor 0; Samsunspor 0, Samyer 1. Leading positions: 1, Galatasaray, played 13, 33pts; 2, Besiktas, 13, 32; 3, Malatyaspor, 13, 22.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: FC Homburg 2, Bayer Uerdingen 2; Borussia Dortmund 2, Hamburg SV 3; Cologne 2, Hanover 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 4, Karlsruhe 0; Borussia Monchengladbach 1, Kaiserslautern 0; Nuremberg 2, Bochum 1; Waldhof Mannheim 2, Stuttgart 1; Bayern Munich 3, Bayer Leverkusen 2. Cup: Second round: Wolfsburg 4, Werder Bremen 5 (aet). Leading positions: 1, Werder Bremen, played 16, 26pts; 2, Bayern Munich, 17, 26; 3, Cologne, 17, 25.

YUGOSLAV LEAGUE: Sloboda Tuzla 3, Partizan Belgrade 1; Sarajevo 1, Dinamo Zagreb 0; Buducnost Titograd 3, Radnicki Nis 1; Vojvodina Novi Sad 3, Proleter 0; Celik Zenica 3, Sutjeska Niksic 1; Vardar Skopje 1, Osijek 0; Red Star Belgrade 2, Rad Belgrade 0; Rijeka 0, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 0; Velez Mostar 3, Hajduk Split 1. Leading positions: 1, Velez, played 15, 21pts; 2, Red Star, 14, 18; 3, Sloboda, 15, 18.

Lokomotive Leipzig 2; Stahl Riesa 0, Magdeburg 0, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1, Wismut Aue 0; Vorwaerts Frankfurt 1, Chemie Halle 4. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Berlin, played 11, 17pts; 2, Lokomotive Leipzig, 11, 16; 3, Dynamo Dresden, 11, 13.

GREEK LEAGUE: AEK Athens 2, Panseraikos 1; Kalamaria 0, Aris 0; Doxporas 2, Levadiakos 0; Ethnikos 0, Olympiakos 0; Iraklis 1, PAOK 0; Larissa 3, Panionios 0; Olympiakos 4, Veria 1; Panathinaikos 2, Panahaiki 0. Leading positions: 1, Larissa, played 8, 13pts; 2, Ofi, 8, 12; 3, Aris, 8, 11.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Bohemians 0, Waterford United 0; Bray Wanderers 2, Dundalk 3, Cork City 0, Shamrock Rovers 0; Derry City 4, Sligo Rovers 0; Limerick City 0, St Patrick's Athletic 3; Shelbourne 1, Galway United 1.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Monaco 3, Lens 0; Bordeaux 0, Auxerre 0; St Etienne 0, Racing Club Paris 2; Brest 0, Nantes 0; Cannes 1, Marseille 0; Paris Saint-Germain 2, Montpellier 1; Toulon 1, Metz 0; Nice 1, Le Havre 2; Lille 1, Nice 2; Laval 1, Toulouse 0. Leading positions: 1, Monaco, played 20, 30pts; 2, Bordeaux, 20, 26; 3, Matra Racing, 20, 25.

HUNGARIAN LEAGUE: Tatabanya 1, Ujpest Dozsa 1; Pecs 2, Kaposvar 1; Vasas 1, Zalaegerszeg 1; Siofok 2, Videoton 1; Honved 2, Bekescsaba 0; Raba Eto Gyor 4, Haladas 0; Debrecen 4, Vac 1; MTK 3, Ferencvaros 1. Leading positions: 1, Honved, played 15, 21pts; 2, Raba Eto Gyor, 15, 20; 3, Ujpest Dozsa, 15, 19.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ascoli 2, Pisa 2; Como 3, Empoli 2; Fiorentina 1, Sampdoria 1; Juventus 2, Cesena 1; Milan 3, Avellano 0; Napoli 3, Torino 1; Roma 3, Internazionale 2; Verona 2, Pescara 0. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, played 9, 16pts; 2, Milan, 9, 13; 3, Sampdoria, 9, 13.

POLISH LEAGUE: Olimpia Poznan 1, Lechia Gdansk 1; Legia Warszawa 1, Jagiellonia Bialystok 0; Pogon Szczecin 3, Stal Stalowa Wola 1; GKS Katowice 4, Lech Poznan 0; Widzew Lodz 1, Szombierki Bytom 1; Zaglebie Lubin 1, Slask Wroclaw 1; Gornik Walbrzych 2, LKS Lodz 0; Baltyk Gdynia 1, Gornik

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday November 28 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

1 Chelsea v Wimbledon
X Coventry v West Ham
1 Everton v Oxford
1 Newcastle v Charlton
1 Norwich v Portsmouth
1 Nottingham F v Luton
X Sheffield W v QPR
1 Southampton v Derby
2 Tottenham v Liverpool
2 Watford v Arsenal

SECOND DIVISION

X Birmingham v Ipswich
X Bradford v A Villa
1 C Palace v Leeds
X Huddersfield v Leicester
1 Middlesbro v Barnsley
1 Millwall v Hull
1 Oldham v Plymouth
2 Reading v Blackburn
X Shrewsbury v Stoke
1 Swindon v Bournemouth
2 WBA v Manchester C

THIRD DIVISION

X Blackpool v Nthampton
X Brighton v Notts Co
X Bristol R v Grimsby
1 Chester v Chesterfield
X Doncaster v Brentford
1 Fulham v Preston
X Gillingham v Bury
1 Sunderland v Port Vale
1 Walsall v Mansfield
1 Wigan v Bristol C
1 York v Southend

Not on coupons: Aldershot v Rotherham

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Bolton v Cambridge
1 Cardiff v Hartlepool
2 Carlisle v Torquay
1 Darlington v Exeter
X Hereford v Leyton O
X Peterboro v Burnley
2 Rochdale v Scarboro
1 Scunthorpe v Swansea
1 Wolves v Wrexham

Not on coupons: Halifax v Crewe (Friday); Stockport v Colchester (Friday); Tranmere v Newport (Friday)

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

1 Horwich v Mossley
X Marine v S Liverpool
2 Southport v Chorley
2 Witton v Goole

SCOTTISH PREMIER

X Dundee U v Dundee
2 Dunfermline v Aberdeen
2 Hibernian v Celtic
1 Motherwell v Morton
1 Rangers v Hearts
1 St Mirren v Falkirk

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Airdrie v E Fife
1 Clyde v Dumbarton
1 Clydebank v Partick
2 Kilmarnock v Hamilton
1 Mdwbnk v O of Sth
1 Raith v Forfar

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Albion v Cowdenbeath
Not on coupons: Arbroath v Alloa; Ayr v Brechin; East Stirling v Queen's Park; Montrose v Berwick; Stirling v St Johnstone; Stranraer v Stenhousemuir

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Coventry, Sheffield Wednesday, Birmingham, Bradford, Huddersfield, Shrewsbury, Blackpool, Brighton, Bristol Rovers, Doncaster, Peterborough, Dundee United.
BEST DRAWS: Sheffield Wednesday, Birmingham, Brighton, Doncaster, Dundee United.
AWAYS: Arsenal, Blackburn, Manchester City, Scarborough, Celtic.

HOMES: Everton, Nottingham Forest, Oldham, Swindon, Chester, Fulham, Sunderland, Walsall, Scunthorpe, Wolves, St Mirren, Clydebank.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Everton, Swindon, Sunderland, Walsall, Wolves. Aways: Manchester City, Scarborough, Sunderland. Draws: Sheffield Wednesday, Birmingham, Doncaster.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Littlewoods Cup
Fourth round replay
Bradford v Reading

Barclays League
First division
Liverpool v Watford

Freight Rover Trophy
Preliminary round
Blackpool v Carlisle
Brentford v Notts Co (7.45)
Burnley v Rochdale
Bury v Wigan
Cambridge v Colchester (7.45)
Chesterfield v York
Exeter v Newport
Halifax v Scunthorpe
Hartlepool v Doncaster
Leyton Orient v Aldershot (7.45)
Stockport v Bolton
Sunderland v Rotherham
Walsall v Cardiff
Wolverhampton v Bristol C

GM Vauxhall Conference
Kettering v Barnet
Stafford v Telford
Wycombe v Dagenham

Fine Fare Scottish League Premier division
Aberdeen v Hibernian
Dundee v Motherwell
Falkirk v Dundee Utd
Hearts v Dunfermline
Morton v Rangers

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Roadferry Cup: Semi-final: Coleraine v Limfield (at Seavew).

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v Millwall; Charlton v Chelsea (at Stamford Bridge, 2.0); Fulham v Swindon (2.0); Portsmouth v Tottenham (7.0); Queen's Park Rangers v Norwich (2.0).

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Plymouth Argyle v Hereford; Torquay v Bristol City.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wealdstone v Enfield.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round: Sutton United v Leytonstone/Ilford.

FA TROPHY: Third round qualifying replay: Whitley Bay v Spennymoor.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Kingstonian; Leyton-Wingate v St Albans; Windsor and Eton v Farnborough. First division: Uxbridge v Stevenage Borough; Wembley v Worthing (7.45); Wolverton v Walthamstow Avenue. Second division north: Berkhamsted v Hertford; Clapton v Witham; Hemel Hempstead v Hanwgey Borough; Saffron Walden v Finchley; Ware v Barton; Wivenhoe v Heybridge. Second division south: Barnstaple v Eastbourne United; Dorking v Egham; Rackwell Heath v Chalfont St Peter; Harefield v Ruislip Manor; Metropolitan Police v Feltham; Southall v Hungerford.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Matlock v Morecambe. First division: Leek v Alfreton; Eastwood Town v Harrogate.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Burnham v Tonbridge; Gravesend and Northfleet v Dartford; Moor Green v Halesowen; Thanet v Folkestone; Waterlooville v Hounslow. Midland division: Atherstone v Merthyr Tydfil; Bilston v Paget. Southern division: Corinthian v Chatham.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CUP: Qualifying match: Wales v Scotland (at Merthyr Tydfil FC).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon v Barnstaple. League Cup: Mangotsfield v Paulton.

KENT SENIOR CUP: Second round: Bromley v Dover.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Harwich v Tiptree.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Oxford University v Harlequins; South Glamorgan Institute v Aberstwyth (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Carlton v Vauxhall challenge (at Grimsby).

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg League: Casterdale v Leicester (8.0).

BOXING: Tournament: Hudson centre, Wisbech.

ICE SKATING: Tuborg British senior figure championships (at Lee Valley).

MOTOR SPORT: Lombard RAC rally.

SNOOKER: Tennents UK championship (at Preston).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Highlights from America's National Football League. C4: 10 p.m.

ICE SKATING: Tuborg British figure championships from Lee Valley. ITV: 11.30 p.m.

MOTOR SPORT: Rally report: Lombard RAC rally update from Kielder Forest, Northumberland. BBC2: 6.50-7.0 and 10.20 p.m.

SNOOKER: Tennents United Kingdom championship from the Guild Hall, Preston. BBC2: 3.0 and 4.35 p.m. BBC1: 9.30 and 11.05 p.m.

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RACING: KILDIMO TEAM TO COLLECT AT WOLVERHAMPTON

Farm Week has strong claims following fine Kempton effort

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Toby Balding and Graham Bradley, the trainer and jockey intent on winning this year's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury next Saturday with Kildimo, also have a good chance of lifting the Reynoldstown Novices' Hurdle Cup at Wolverhampton today with Farm Week.

On his seasonal debut at Kempton Park earlier this month, this five-year-old, by General Ironside, was no match for either Away We Go or Biloxi Blues.

When you recall how well the former then won at Ascot last Saturday, or the high esteem in which the latter is also held, that was not surprising.

Farm Week finished eight lengths in front of the fourth horse, Slalom, in the Kempton race and he opposes again this afternoon on the same terms.

When they were trained in Ireland last season Slalom was arguably the better. But the fact remains he has still got quite a leeway to make up on my selection this afternoon judged on their only run this term.

Winning form is boasted by Blasket Run, Iron Gray and Theodas, but should not be capable of giving the other two weight.

Tartan Torchlight (1.30) and Border Rambler (2.30) are taken to give Gordon Richards and Phil Tuck two bites of the cherry of success.

Tartan Torchlight has drawn much the easier of the two divisions of the Brockton Novices' Chase and he should win if he reproduces the form which has already seen him placed in similar races at Hexham and Sedgefield.

Travelling companion Border Rambler ran third behind Samfen and Battlefield Band at Catterick Bridge earlier this month. A repetition of that running should be enough to see off the Huntingdon winner Troop The Colour, as well as Pembrokeshire Lad, in the Boar's Head Trophy Chase.

On a day when really good bets are hard to find, Public Praise is napped to win the Tadcaster Novices' Hurdle at Wetherby.

When he was runner-up in his only race so far over hurdles, on this same course a little over three weeks ago, he was beaten less than two lengths by Royal Illusion who has won again at Newcastle in the meantime.

Equally important, the third horse, Leavenworth, who was four lengths adrift that afternoon, has also won since, giving the form that extra bite.

Last season, Brother Geoffrey won the Harrogate Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase first time out. Now he is fancied to give a repeat peformance against weak opposition, especially in light of the way that he dealt with Bucko at Newcastle later in the season.

The most sporting bet on the Southwell card could turn out to be Owen's Pride to win the Aflockton Handicap Hurdle even though it is arguably the most open race on the Nottinghamshire track.

Fifth behind Beech Road at Cheltenham last time and fifth before that to Saffron Lord at Chepstow, Mark Usher's five-year old seems to face a much easier task this time.



WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Lor Moss.
1.00 Dromin Academy.
1.30 Tartan Torchlight.
2.00 Mister Feathers.
2.30 Border Rambler.
3.00 Farm Week.
3.30 The Mississippian.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.30 Tartan Torchlight.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.30 LOR MOSS.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good (chase course); soft (hurdles)

12.30 BROCKTON NOVICES CHASE (Div I: £1,716: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1	010P01	HARLEY STREET MAN 8 (C,F,G) (J Powis) C Jackson 6-11-4	H Davies	71
4	0002-01	DONNA FARINA 17 (S) (J Thompson Farms Ltd) G Richards 6-10-13	P Tuck	75
8	PPF-4FP	BOOTHS BOY 7 (Mrs J Booth) B Smart 6-10-12	C Llewellyn (4)	63
12	10F20-3	COMPTON PARK 14 (G) (Lord Vestey) J King 6-10-12	S McNeill	—
17	000-4P0	EROSTIN RULER 10 (B,F,G) (J Upson) T Casey 6-10-12	R Dunwoody	67
21	F003P-0	RICKLING SQUIRES 11 (B,S) (Hickling & Squires Ltd) W Wharton 5-10-12	S J O'Neill	74
25	P/0-F	KILN PARK 38 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-10-12	C Cox	—
28	03/20-4F	LOR MOSS 20 (F) (A Leighton) A Leighton 7-10-12	M Price (7)	● 99
30	304034/	MORAL VICTORY 607 (Mrs K Perrin) G Balding 6-10-12	G Bradley	—
33	0/	ROSE HUSSAR 513 (Ma) F P U Phillips) Mrs M Rimell 6-10-12	D Browne	—
40	001/0-	TORY HILL LAD 370 (S) (Mrs P Fox) J Fox 7-10-12	B Powell	—
42	4/U3P-3F	GRAY ROSE-BAY 25 (Mrs R Jones) E Owen Jun 7-10-7	G Charles Jones	65

BETTING: 3-1 Compton Park, 100-30 Lor Moss, 4-1 Donna Farina, 5-1 Harley Street Man, 10-1 Moral Victory, 12-1 Rose Hussar, 14-1 Hickling Squires, 20-1 others.

1986: TURKANA 6-11-4 G Charles-Jones (7-1) T Casey 10 ran

FORM HARLEY STREET MAN (10-12) was a surprise 7l winner here from Dowjak (10-12) (2m, £1771, good, Nov 16, 12 ran). DONNA FARINA (10-11) beat Fu's Lady (10-0), a winner yesterday, 1l in Warwick handicap (2m, £2469, good to soft, Nov 7, 9 ran). COMPTON PARK (11-0), was beaten a distance by top class novice Bambrook Again (11-0) on chasing debut at Devon (2m 1f, £2610, good to soft, Nov 10, 11 ran). LOR MOSS has fallen at Newbury since running excellent 12½l 4th (11-5) to Gala's Image (11-10) there (2m 4f, £3831, good, Oct 23, 10 ran). Selection: LOR MOSS

1.0 ADVENT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,239: 2m) (17 runners)

1	31	DROMIN ACADEMY 5 (S) (A Parker) J Edwards 6-11-5	T Morgan	93
3	0-0	ANOTHER SEEKER 17 (G) (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 5-10-12	P Scudamore	80
4	40-	ARTISTIC CHAMPION 376 (G Demosthenous) J Jenkins 4-10-12	S Sherwood	80
6	-	BRANDON PIER 229 (G Greenwood) J Edwards 4-10-12	Mr M Richards (4)	—
33	0/P-0	CONMAYJO 10 (J Gibbs) D Haydn Jones 6-10-12	C Llewellyn (4)	81
16	0	FRANKTON 15 (Mrs P Slawson) Mrs W Sykes 6-10-12	H Davies	—
17	444443-	GRUNDY'S OWN 229 (K Fischer) M E Francis 4-10-12	C Cox	94
19	9/	JIMINASTICS 598 (R Brazington) R Brazington 7-10-12	D Browne	—
20	P	JUST TOO BRAVE 42 (T Ramsden) R Simpson 4-10-12	G McCourt	—
22	9-P4	KING OF THE LOT 15 (Lord Stratheore) R Lee 4-10-12	B Dowling (4)	90
25	04	MASTER THAMES 17 (Mrs D Haynes) D Nicholson 4-10-12	R Dunwoody	● 99
29	0	RIVER GALAXY 34 (R Goode) D Bell 4-10-12	Lorna Vincent	—
32	0	UNCLES CHOICE 15 (Miss L Wallace) E Owen Jun 4-10-12	Miss L Wallace	—
34	9-0	WILLSFORD 20 (A Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-12	M Pitman	—
38	P-	LILIANA 332 (R Collins) D Bell 5-10-7	Miss G Anwyage	—
40	04-0	MOLINELLO 85 (Affordshire Ltd) Mrs I McKie 5-10-7	—	—
42		STOP THE CLOCK (Mrs P Brown) Mrs W Sykes 4-10-7	P Tuck	—

BETTING: 5-2 Dromin Academy, 3-1 Master Thames, 11-2 Artistic Champion, 6-1 Another Seeker, 15-2 Willsford, 10-1 Connayjo, 12-1 Grundy's Own, 16-1 others.

1986: TAKE NO TRASH 5-10-12 S Smith Eccles (8-1) N Henderson 16 ran

FORM DROMIN ACADEMY landed the odds at Taunton last week (2m1f). Previously (11-0) had finished 5l 3rd to In Motion (11-0) at Chepstow, a head in front of the 4th. MASTER THAMES (11-0) (2m, £1322, good to soft, Nov 7, 15 ran), with ANOTHER SEEKER (11-0) 8th. GRUNDY'S OWN was placed in all starts last season. Ultimately when 18l 3rd (10-10) to Admirals All (11-1) at Towcester (2m, £727, good, Apr 18, 15 ran). KING OF THE LOT (10-12) was a running on 4th, beaten 12l, by Knockannis (11-5) here (2m, £1437, good, Nov 9, 17 ran), with FRANKTON (10-12) and UNCLES CHOICE (10-12) behind. WILLSFORD (10-0) was beaten 7½l into 5th by Gaelic Silver (11-0) when favourite for a Newbury NH Flat race (2m 100yd, £976, good, Nov 4, 24 ran). Selection: GRUNDY'S OWN

1.30 BROCKTON NOVICES CHASE (Div II: £2,151: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

6	00	APODEMUS 14 (S) (N Litley) R Lee 6-10-12	Pat Caldwell (7)	—
15	P/000-04	DENTSTONE WANDERER (W Caldwell) T Caldwell 5-10-12	Peter Caldwell (7)	95
18	P/0018-0	DUART 25 (S) (Mrs J Scrivens) J Spearing 7-10-12	M Perrett	—
23	4-4P60F	INCENSE 7 (S) (H Attwood) P Bevan 7-10-12	H Davies	● 99
27	12-0460	LE SOIR 8 (F) (R McAlpine) R Francis 5-10-12	S J O'Neill	—
31	4000/00	RED COLUMBIA 8 (Mrs J Webster) W Mann 6-10-12	T Wall	—
35	04/P100-	SOLITARIO 220 (F,G,S) (M Parsons) B Preece 6-10-12	R Stronge	—
37	100-2U3	TARTAN TORCHLIGHT 18 (G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 7-10-12	P Tuck	98
38	B0F-4P	THE BUCKWHEAT 12 (S Nixon) C Jackson 6-10-12	A O'Hagen	—
39	01/PPP0-	TO ASTERI 248 (G) (Miss J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 6-10-12	C Jones	—
41	0/1002-B	YOUNG NICHOLAS 5 (G,S) (B Snell) J Roberts 6-10-12	P Richards	—

BETTING: 9-4 Young Nicholas, 5-2 Tartan Torchlight, 5-1 Duart, 8-1 Le Soir, 9-1 Solitario, 12-1 Denstone Wanderer 24, 14-1 The Buckwheat, 20-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM DENSTONE WANDERER (11-0) was never nearer when 19l 4th to Super Spark (11-0) at Worcester (2m, £1493, soft, Oct 31, 11 ran). LE SOIR (10-12) never threatened the principals when 22½l 4th to Harley Street Man (10-12) here (2m, £1771, good, Nov 16, 12 ran), with RED COLUMBIA (10-12) 24l away 5th. TARTAN TORCHLIGHT (11-5) was beaten 11l into 3rd by Dick 'E' Bear (11-10) at Sedgefield (2m 4f, £1284, good, Nov 6, 16 ran). YOUNG NICHOLAS was brought down at the second fence in the race won by Cats Eyes at Taunton last week; but is much the classiest horse in this field judged on 2l 2nd (11-7) to Rix Woodcock (10-6) in Lingfield handicap hurdle (2m, £2818, hard, Mar 5, 11 ran). No Selection

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
T Casey	7	15	46.7
F Winter	6	26	23.1
J Edwards	15	66	22.7
Mrs J Pitman	12	65	18.5
N Henderson	7	44	15.9
J King	5	37	13.5

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
D Browne	10	22	45.4
G Bradley	8	64	33.3
S Smith Eccles	8	39	20.5
P Scudamore	26	131	19.8

Only qualifiers

2.0 MUCH WENLOCK HANDICAP CHASE (£1,970: 2m) (6 runners)

1	12-0202	MISTER FEATHERS 15 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs M Forde) J King 6-11-10	C Llewellyn (4)	98
2	24-1043	ROSTRA 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Plunkett) R Armytage 8-11-6	Mr M Armytage (4)	● 99
3	P/31P0-0	NORTHWARD 31 (S) (Mrs J Grant) P Harris 7-11-4	C Cox	90
4	442224	STUBBS DAUGHTER 17 (D,BF,F,G,S) (C L Services Ltd) K Bailey 10-10-13	P Croucher	94
5	0P034P-	OAKLAND JASON 329 (D,G) (D Davies) Mrs W Sykes 9-10-8	H Davies	83
6	204/0P2-	SCALE THE HEIGHTS 330 (P Buckley) K White 8-10-8	A O'Hagen	—

BETTING: 7-4 Mister Feathers, 5-2 Rostra, 9-2 Stubbs Daughter, 7-1 Northward, 12-1 Oakland Jason, 16-1 Scale The Heights.

1986: ANNETTE'S DELIGHT 7-11-4 S Moore (5-1) T Casey 10 ran

FORM MISTER FEATHERS (10-8) found Wiggburn (11-0) 5l too good here (2m 4f, £2338, good to firm, Nov 9, 15 ran). All his winning hats been done at 2m. ROSTRA (12-2) had STUBBS DAUGHTER (11-4) 5l behind when 4l 3rd to Donna Farina (10-11) at Warwick (2m, £2489, good to soft, Nov 7, 9 ran). A longer distance might suit STUBBS DAUGHTER. NORTHWARD won a 2m novice chase last season. On reappearance (10-0) was beaten 18l into 6th by Warner For Leisure (11-1), a winner since, at Stratford (2m, £2582, good to soft, Oct 24, 15 ran), with MISTER FEATHERS (10-6) and ROSTRA (10-7) behind. SCALE THE HEIGHTS (10-4) was beaten 30l wher. 2nd to Fada (11-3) in a Fontwell novices hurdle (2m 2f 110yd, £1613, good to soft, Dec 29, 14 ran). Selection: MISTER FEATHERS

2.30 BOAR'S HEAD TROPHY NOVICES CHASE (£1,900: 3m 1f) (14 runners)

2	2F00/31	TROOP THE COLOUR 10 (G) (M Dooley) D Nicholson 7-11-3	R Dunwoody	80
4	130-PP	SALLISSES 17 (F) (R Shell) R Shell 8-10-12	—	88
7	3320F-3	BORDER RAMBLER 17 (R Tyrer) G Richards 7-10-8	P Tuck	94
9		GOLDEN OZY (R Allen) R Curtis 6-10-8	M Perrett	—
10	3F	ISANEMOS 19 (G) (A Darlington) A J Wilson 9-10-8	—	82
11	123-30	JOIST 34 (B,F) (C Barnes) M Pipe 5-10-8	P Scudamore	—
12	012F00	LITTLE LONDON 8 (B,F,G) (T Morton) T Morton 8-10-8	N Davies	—
13	0/4PF0-	MISTER HARTIGAN 217 (S) (Mrs E Ellis) J Edwards 7-10-8	T Morgan	98
15	PFF0-02	PELION 15 (G,S) (Mrs A Garrett) J King 7-10-8	S McNeill	90
16	2-FB3	PEMBROKESHIRE LAD 19 (T Warner) R Lee 6-10-8	B Dowling (4)	● 99
17	130-PF	SNOWY PEARL 14 (S) (B Snell) J Roberts 6-10-8	P Richards	—
19	20P3P-3	TOURA LAD 14 (Sir J Barlow) R Francis 8-10-8	Mr D Barlow (7)	97
21	04/242P	WINTERS SOVEREIGN 26 (T Caldwell) T Caldwell 7-10-8	Peter Caldwell (7)	82
23	00U1/	SOUMARK 556 (G) (Mrs S Marks) J King 9-10-3	C Llewellyn (4)	—

BETTING: 5-2 Mister Hartigan, 7-2 Troop The Colour, 9-2 Pelion, 6-1 Joist, 8-1 Little London, 10-1 Border Rambler, 12-1 Isanemos, Pembrokeshire Lad, 16-1 others.

1986: BACKLOG 8-10-10 B De Haan (4-1) J Dalton 6 ran

FORM TROOP THE COLOUR (11-10) 4l Huntingdon winner from Martinolas (10-12) (3m, £1729, good, Nov 14, 18 ran). BORDER RAMBLER was beaten favourite in final two starts last season, and finished 13½l 3rd (11-0) to Samfen (10-12) on reappearance at Catterick (3m 1f 80yd, £1170, good to firm, Nov 7, 17 ran). JOIST (10-1) 12l 5th to Miss Naro (11-8) in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 1f, £2825, good to soft, Oct 21, 19 ran). PELION (10-12) 1½l 2nd to Let Him By (10-12) here (3m 1f, £1870, good to firm, Nov 9, 14 ran). PEMBROKESHIRE LAD (11-0) was a creditable 10l 3rd to Bob Tisdall (11-2) at Stratford (2m 5f, £3376, good to soft, Nov 5, 16 ran), with SNOWY PEARL (11-0) was tailed off and pulled up. TOURA LAD (10-10) beaten 12¾l into 3rd by Thats For Sure (10-10) at Hereford (3m 1f, £1919, heavy, Nov 10, 5 ran). Selection: PEMBROKESHIRE LAD

3.0 REYNOLDSTOWN CUP NOVICES HURDLE (£2,680: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1	30-4110	BLASKET RUN 17 (S) (R Yates) R Lee 4-11-8	B Dowling (4)	91
2	14	IRON GRAY 13 (S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-2	R Dunwoody	87
5	1	THEODAS 14 (S) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 6-11-2	R Millman	90
8	0-	CHACELEY BOY 342 (D Welton) R Brazington 5-10-12	P Warner	—
9	00-	COURTBROOK 257 (Mrs S Tainton) N Painting 6-10-12	A Sharpe	—
12	02/P	DEMOCRATIC BOY 14 (Miss E Knight) J King 5-10-12	S McNeill	—
16	0	FARMER'S TOAST 14 (Mrs F Belcher) D Bell 5-10-12	Lorna Vincent	—
17	3	FARM WEEK 19 (Lord Chetwode) G Balding 5-10-12	G Bradley	● 99
18	0	HEARSAY 14 (T Painting) F Winter 5-10-12	P Scudamore	—
22	0	NICK THE BRIEF 45 (J Upson) T Casey 5-10-12	E Buckley (4)	75
25	4-	SLALOM 19 (S) (Mrs M Russill) M Robinson 5-10-12	J White	91
26	0	SOUTHSTONE ROCK 17 (W Taylor) W Taylor 4-10-12	M Maggeridge (7)	—
28	0-0	LA BELLE ROSE 10 (J Dell) G Roe 6-10-7	B Powell	—
30	0430-00	WELSH BLUEBELL 6 (Mrs M Wilson) G Roe 5-10-7	P McDermott (7)	—

BETTING: 11-4 Farm Week, 4-1 Theodas, 6-1 Iron Gray, 7-1 Blasket Run, 10-1 Slalom, 16-1 Hearsay, Welsh Bluebell, 20-1 Nick The Brief, 25-1 others.

1986: EROSTIN RULER 5-10-8 E Buckley (4-1) T Casey 8 ran

FORM BLASKET RUN was 6th at Chepstow over two miles, and perhaps needs further. Previously (10-11) was 1½l Worcester winner from Crystal Song (10-11) (2m 2f, £3304, soft, Oct 31, 18 ran). IRON GRAY was outclassed behind Hill's Pageant; Earlier was a 10l Stratford winner (10-12) from Career Bay (10-12) (2m, £995, good to soft, Nov 5, 17 ran). THEODAS (11-0) beat Kentucky Quest (11-0) 3l at Devon (2m 1f, £886, good to soft, Nov 10, 16 ran), with HEARSAY (11-0) behind having drifted in the betting. FARM WEEK (10-10) tackled smart opposition at Kempton, finishing 16½l 3rd to Saturday's Ascot winner Away We Go (10-10) (2m 4f, £2276, good, Nov 5, 21 ran). SLALOM (10-10) ran on to take 4th place a further 8l back. Selection: BLASKET RUN

3.30 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,568: 2m 6f 110yd) (20 runners)

4	4443/0F-	VOYANT 347 (F,G,S) (T Wragg) S Christian 8-11-10	A Mulholland (7)	—
6	1F-FF	COLEMAN ABBEY 14 (F) (C Cronin) F Winter 5-11-7	P Scudamore	85
7	3/0312-	TRUE SPARTAN 329 (S) (T Eckley) G Price 7-11-6	C Price	87
8	1/P0PP-0	CELTIC FLEET 8 (S) (R Beswick) J Spearing 8-11-5	M Perrett	—
9	0043-1-F	RYMER KING 8 (F,S) (G Hutsby) J Clugg 5-11-4	M Bowlby	94
10	003P-0F	HILL-STREET-BLUES 11 (F,S) (L Marsh) J Fox 9-11-4	B Powell	85
11	011200-	UPHAM KELLY 218 (F,S) (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 8-11-3	K Evans (7)	93
12	041P0-0	MR REX 31 (G) (Rex Johnson) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-2	M Pitman	● 99
13	10300/4-	NOTTA POPSI 430 (F) C M Lilley) J Spearing 6-11-2	P Warner	96
15	002P/12	SLAVE KING 31 (F,S) (Andrews Freight Ser Ltd) Mrs N Sharpe 8-10-12	P Devlee	82
16	2P123F-	INCAMELIA 178 (G) (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 6-10-12	S Smith Eccles	95
17	200002-0	PYLEIGH PRINCE 11 (Mrs C Brittain) T Ellis 6-10-11	J O'Hanlon	84
18	020P-30	THE SHINER 8 (B) (M Mellorish) M Tate 7-10-11	R Dunwoody	95
19	P0100-0	TANDERAGEE 8 (S) (J Bowan) R Lee 5-10-10	B Dowling (4)	90
20	0140-	THE MISSISSIPPIAN 292 (S) (J Abbey) B McMahon 8-10-7	T Wall	97
21	0000-00	END OF ERA 14 (F,G,S) (K Poulton) J Long 9-10-7	—	—
24	000030-	CLERMONT LANE 215 (F) (D Cogwill) A Chamberlain 6-10-4	J Osbourne (4)	89
25	P000-P0	BLACKWELL BOY 26 (G) (Triam South West Ltd) A James 6-10-3	R Fahey (7)	—
26	232/0UP-	VALLEY SO DEEP 332 (S) (J Brown) D Gandolfo 9-10-2	E Wells	—
28	0044-40	ARTESIUM 11 (Mrs E Courage) M Wildinson 5-10-0	C Llewellyn (4)	96

BETTING: 7-2 Slave King, 6-1 True Spartan, 7-1 Upham Kelly, 9-1 Incamelia, 10-1 Coleman Abbey, Voyant, Mr Rex, 14-1 Notta Popsi, The Mississippian, 16-1 The Shiner, 20-1 others.

1986: PRINCE RAMBORO 5-10-11 S Morshead (12-1) Mrs M Rimell 18 ran

FORM TRUE SPARTAN made all at Warwick (2m, good to soft), but then was beaten 4l into 2nd (11-10) by Maundy Boy (11-0) in Worcester novice event (2m, £1074, heavy, Dec 30, 15 ran). CELTIC FLEET (11-3), THE SHINER (10-9), TANDERAGEE (10-8) and RYMER KING (11-2) all ran particularly badly behind Celtic Cygnet (10-10) here last week (2m 4f, £1602, good, Nov 16, 20 ran). UPHAM KELLY was well beaten final start. Earlier (10-5) had ARTESIUM (10-0) 7l back in 4th when a Towcester winner (2m 5f 26yd, £1644, good to soft, Feb 5, 19 ran), with THE MISSISSIPPIAN (10-8) 9th. SLAVE KING was a 12l winner at Devon (2m 5f) but subsequently (10-10) found handicap snip Taka No Trash (10-5) 15l too good at Stratford (2m 6f, £2284, good to soft, Oct 24, 21 ran). ARTESIUM (10-1) was 9l away 4th, MR REX (11-3) tailed off and BLACKWELL BOY (10-12) pulled up. PYLEIGH PRINCE looked in need of Cheltenham his (3m 1f) reappearance. Finished last season with a 3l 2nd (11-0) to Wyvern (11-2) in novices hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, £847, firm, May 26, 9 ran). Selection: UPHAM KELLY

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Jimmy Fitzgerald	23	111	20.7
M H Easterby	34	173	19.7
M W Easterby	16	99	16.2
W Stephenson	41	253	16.2
Denys Smith	20	144	13.9
N Crump	15	127	11.8

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Wyer	12	45	26.6
M Dwyer	23	127	18.1
C Grant	33	218	15.1
C Hawkins	18	174	10.3

Only qualifiers

WETHERBY

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Foot Patrol.
1.30 Brother Geoffrey.
2.00 PUBLIC PRAISE (nap).
2.30 Green Gorse.
3.00 Impage.
3.30 Taylormade Boy.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.00 Foot Patrol.

Going: soft

1.0 SHEFFIELD SELLING HURDLE (£1,083: 2m) (7 runners)

1	1-2300P	ASTICOT 12 (D,F,S) (Mrs H Hogben) D Wintle 5-11-6	A Carroll	93
2	3313/0-1	FOOT PATROL 10 (D,F,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 6-11-6	C Grant	● 99
5	40-0003	MOONDAWN 17 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Ramsden) K Stone 5-11-6	C Richmond (7)	—
14	PPBP-00	T W S HOMES 7 (H Hughes) B Richmond 6-11-0	K Dooton	—
16	0	ACCUMULATE 8 (W Harrison) C Parker 4-10-11	J D Davies (4)	—
19		GAY STARLIGHT (Mrs V Ball) Miss L Siddall 4-10-6	K Teelan	88
20	04002-0	KATIE RHODES 17 (W Tinning) W Storey 4-10-6	—	—

BETTING: 4-6 Foot Patrol, 11-4 Moondawn, 5-1 Asticot, 10-1 Katie Rhodes, 20-1 others.

1985: POLISH KNIGHT 4-10-11 D Dutton (3-1 fav) A Brown 15 ran

1.30 HARROGATE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,022: 2m 4f 100yd) (5 runners)

1	11/1314-	BROTHER GEOFFREY 267 (CD,G,S) (G Brittain) C Thornton 8-12-5	R Marley	97
3	2604F4	FRENCH NEPHEW 7 (F,G) (D Knights) Denys Smith 8-11-3	A G Smith	93
8	43B0-04	DENNIS AUBURN 14 (F,G,S) (R Harper) R Francis 10-10-10	S Turner	94
9	0P004-0	REAY'S SONG 8 (S) (M Naughton) M Naughton 13-10-8	B O'Brien	● 99
11	040081/	MAINSFORTH QUEEN 819 (S) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 10-10-1	T P White	86
12	3343U0	DANTES TREE 18 (W Tree) R Robinson 8-10-0	A Merrigan	—

BETTING: 4-5 Brother Geoffrey, 11-2 French Nephew, 8-1 Reay's Song, 10-1 Mainsforth Queen, Dennis Auburn, Dantes Tree.

1986: BROTHER GEOFFREY 7-11-0 G Landau (1-2 fav) C Thornton 4 ran

2.0 TADCASTER NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £685: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

2		AVASTY FOX (C Burton) N Tinkler 10-7	B Ellison	—
3	02	FRENDLY FELLOW 18 (Mrs B Gittins) F Jordan 10-7	C Smith	87
4	330000	GENNARO (R Coleman) Denys Smith 10-7	C Grant	—
6	2	PUBLIC PRAISE 24 (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Racing) M H Easterby 10-7	R Beggan	—
7		SPERANSKY (C St George) M W Easterby 10-7	L Wyer	● 99
9		YOUNG COMMANDER (R Ogden) J Hanson 10-7	M Dwyer	—
11	0	STAR OF KINLOCH 41 (Mrs M Stewart) G Moore 10-2	M Hammond	—

BETTING: 4-6 Public Praise, 9-2 Speransky, 5-1 Gennaro, 7-1 Friendly Fellow, 20-1 others.

1985: MIAMI IN SPRING 10-7 D Wilkinson (20-1) R Stubbs 13 ran

2.30 VAUX BREWERIES NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £1,532: 3m 100yd) (6 runners)

1	300-10F	AVIATION SUPPORT 17 (F) (J Wade) W A Stephenson 7-11-4	A Merrigan (4)	88
5	242-202	GREEN GORSE 12 (F,S) (S Green) N Crump 7-11-0	C Hawkins	● 99
6	FPPO	PAUPERS SON 39 (S) (J Roche) R O'Leary 10-11-0	M Dwyer	—
8	021214/	SWIRL HOWE 542 (G) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-11-0	K Jones	—
10	P	TWICE LOVED 24 (G Rock) Mrs C Clark 5-11-0	A Orkney	—
11	1F/200-4	CALIRA 19 (G,S) (Mrs J Benson) Miss M Benson 8-10-9	B Storey	—

BETTING: Evens Green Gorse, 11-4 Aviation Support, 100-30 Calira, 10-1 Swirl Howe, 20-1 others.

1986: RISING FOREST 7-11-4 M Dwyer (4-9 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9 ran

3.0 RUFFORTH HANDICAP CHASE (£2,267: 2m 50yd) (5 runners)

1	2430-32	KEVINSFORT 11 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Haggie) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-12-5	M Dwyer	93
3	30F-U40	IMPANY 11 (CD,F,S) (L Dickinson) R Robinson 8-11-6	B Storey	92
4	1401-12	PERFECT GLEN 17 (CD,BF,F,G) (Mrs R Colemen) Denys Smith 7-11-5	C Grant	94
6	3F0-40F	RYECROFT 11 (D,S) (Mrs K Rea) N Tinkler 8-10-2	B Ellison	81
7	20220-3	IMPAGE 13 (S) (D Nicholson) S Leadbetter 9-10-0	J Hanson	● 99

BETTING: 7-4 Perfect Glen, 2-1 Kevinsfort, 5-2 Impage, 8-1 Impany, 14-1 Ryecroft.

1985: MENDELITA 10-10-0 A Stringer (14-1) E Courage 6 ran

3.35 HALIFAX NOVICES HURDLE (£797: 2m) (19 runners)

1	033P0-1	GALADINE 8 (S) (J Lawson) M H Easterby 5-11-5	L Wyer	97
3	0220-U1	MONRITA 12 (D,S) (Mrs M Curtis) D Lee 5-11-5	G Harker	85
6	P	BELLEPHERON 94 (J Collins) W Storey 4-10-12	A Carroll	—
7	0/0	CONNAUGHT CARD 59 (N Hanlas) M Eberby 5-10-12	R Garrity (7)	—
8	00-F00	COPPER STREAK 27 (Lord Cadogan) N Crump 5-10-12	C Hawkins	81
10	30-	FINAL AMBER (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 4-10-12	K Jones	—
12	-0	FOXTREE 20 (Mrs P Spicer) R Spicer 4-10-12	S Keightley	—
13	F0-P	HELEN BOY 18 (B) (Mrs H Boldry) Ron Thompson 4-10-12	R Balfour	—
14	02F-28U	HILL RYDE 7 (Mrs S Ward) S Leadbetter 4-10-12	N Doughty	91
15		KEEN SHOT (N Crump) N Crump 4-10-12	D Wilkinson	—
16		LENNEL BANK (M Brown) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-12	J J Quinn	—
19		ORIENTAL EXPRESS (C Moodie) F Carr 4-10-12	N Doughty	—
20	F-23	RED RUDDEL 18 (BF) (J Hanson) J Hanson 4-10-12	M Hammond	● 99
22	0P-	SOVEREIGN STEPS 364 (J Jefferson) J Jefferson 5-10-12	M Hill	—
23	04-	STEPAULI 244 (W Farrell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-12	M Dwyer	—
24	2	TAYLORMADE BOY 27 (S Robson) Denys Smith 4-10-12	C Grant	94
25		THIRTEENTH FRIDAY (S Hollins) W Pearce 5-10-12	P Niven	—
26		WATERDALE (M Saver) M W Easterby 4-10-12	R Beggan	—
27	0/03020-	CASS AVON 218 (P Curtis) P Curtis 6-10-7	R Marley (7)	89

BETTING: 100-30 Taylormade Boy, 4-1 Red Ruddel, 6-1 Galandine, Stepauli, 15-2 Thirteenth Friday, 8-1 Foxtree, Monrita, 10-1 Hill Ryde, Keen Shot, 14-1 others

CRICKET: CHANCE FOR TESTS TO SHOW THAT TOO MANY ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS HAVE ONLY LIMITED APPEAL

Pakistan aim to top rivals' Cup offers

Delhi (AP) — Pakistan and India are prepared "to outbid all others" in an effort to play hosts to the World Cup for a second time, according to cricket officials from the two countries.

Offers to host the competition, which moved out of England for the first time this year, are also expected to come from Australia and New Zealand at the meeting of the International Cricket Conference next July in England, but Lt Gen Safdar Butt, president of the Pakistan Cricket Board, said that his country and India would make every effort to secure the tournament in 1991.

"We are prepared to outbid all others. Pakistan intends bidding for the event as the premier hosts, involving India as associates," he said.

The guarantee money for the teams increased to £200,000 this year, a threefold increase from 1983. Butt said the India-Pakistan offer was willing to add another 30 per cent. "We are confident of being allocated the fifth World Cup," he added.

Ranbir Singh Mahendra, secretary of the India Cricket Board, said he thought the financial proposition would be important, as well as voting by full and associate members of the conference.

Cricket officials here said that India and Pakistan had already started discussions with a possible sponsor and would have further meetings in Bangladesh during the Asia Cup tournament early next year.

Shastri in a dash to Delhi

Bombay (AFP) — Ravi Shastri, the all-rounder unexpectedly omitted from the Indian team to play West Indies in the first Test match, was flying to Delhi yesterday to try to make the side at the last minute.

Shastri, who was dropped for failing to sign a contract with the Indian board, said here yesterday that he received a copy of the contract only after the team had been announced. "How can I sign a document which was not in my possession?" he demanded.

The Indian selectors have announced a 14-man party, with Dilip Vengsarkar as captain for the first Test, which begins in Delhi tomorrow. The exclusion of Shastri, who was displaced as captain of Bombay and as vice-captain of India by Vengsarkar recently, led to some eyebrows being raised.

Cricket board officials said Shastri had been dropped because he had failed to submit a signed contract before the team was named. Everyone else had signed, though Vengsarkar said he was unhappy about a clause banning the players from writing for newspapers.

Shastri, who spent the summer with Glamorgan, has been one of the vital components of the Indian team since making his debut against New Zealand in the 1980-81 series.

Slipping back to the old days

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Lahore



To the victor the spoils: battle between Qadir (left) and Gooch should prove crucial to the Pakistan and England series

In the ordinary way, a Test series between England and Pakistan in Pakistan can make a game of chess by post seem wildly exciting. Yet the one starting here tomorrow and involving three matches before Christmas comes as a welcome relief.

The tediousness of the last week, spent working through the one-day programme, will have been a small price to pay if it helps to save Test cricket from being consigned to oblivion. It is a big "if", for even our own senators of cricketing wisdom are being lured more frequently into treating their players like a performing troupe.

When Gatting's team flies home four weeks today, it will have played 51 days' representative cricket against Pakistan in 1987, made up of eight Test matches and 11 one-day internationals. If that is not totally crazy, then what is it? When Tests were Tests and one-day internationals were not invented, it took England and Australia four years to play 50 days of cricket against each other. For all that, tomorrow's match promises a return to comparative normality after six weeks in which every other wicket has fallen to a crude slog and nine overs out of 10 have been bowled without a slip fielder in sight.

Such has been the decline in Pakistan's fortunes since they were knocked out of the World Cup that the Test crowds are bound to be small, anyway at the start. Pakistanis are no different from anyone else in wanting a successful side to support and in theory theirs is suddenly more vulnerable than at any time since Imran Khan became captain two years ago.

But it is going to be no easy series for England to win. Besides the two captains, Gatting and Miandad, the key figures seem to me to be Qadir and Gooch. Qadir has been bowling wonderfully well in the one-day matches and in the Tests he will have fielders, sometimes three or four of them, clustered round the bat, chattering like magpies and appealing at the slightest provocation. This is a very different, much more searching game, and one ideally suited to Qadir's inquisitioning. Give him the initiative and he could be deadly.

On the tour so far, one England total after another has been built around Gooch. In 11 innings, all of them in one-day games, he has scored 713 runs, but Test matches bring their own pressures. To the players, if not to the public, they still matter more even than a final of the World Cup, and for all his recent successes Gooch still has something to prove against Qadir.

Although their Test careers have had a 10-year overlap, the only time Gooch has faced Qadir in a first-class match was in the bicentenary match at Lord's in August, when he made 117 and 70. Out here Gooch has received 24 balls from Qadir and been out to him three times, once when he threw his wicket away with only an over or two of an England innings left. In the last of the one-day internationals on Sunday, Qadir gave Gooch no chance of taking a last look at him before the Tests, waiting until he was out before bringing himself on to bowl. The duel between the two of them now may well be decisive.

When England were last in Pakistan, in 1983-84, the overall situation at the start of the Test series was broadly similar, though rather than having just had six weeks on the subcontinent, Willis's side had spent two months in New Zealand's green and pleasant pastures. Then, too, Qadir posed the chief threat to England and he duly bowled Pakistan to the only victory they have gained at home over England, taking eight for 133 in 62 fizzing, spinning, twirling overs.

Once that was done, on a turning pitch, the pitches for the two remaining Test matches were prepared for the sole purpose of allowing Pakistan to keep their lead, which they did. Their plan is much the same now; but I like to think it has a slightly less good chance of succeeding.

After they had lost the last of the one-day internationals in Peshawar on Sunday, the Pakistanis revised their schedule so as to be in Lahore, ready to practise, by midday yesterday. Miandad rejoined them during the afternoon, and Imran is expected in their dressing-room during the Test to help bring them back on course. It was announced yesterday that the new five-star pavilion at the National stadium in Karachi, is to be named after Imran.

In the England camp, Gatting's shoulder, hurt on Sunday, feels a lot easier. As the one England batsman able to feel that he has had the measure of Qadir over any length of time — in England's last two Tests against Pakistan last summer he had scores of 124, 61 and 150 not out — he carries an extra and special responsibility. Those most likely to be left out tomorrow are Dilley, Jarvis, Russell, Cook and Fairbrother. De Freitas having put paid to Dilley's chances when he bowled so fast and well on Sunday.

In a sense the serious and most interesting business of the winter is about to begin. The switch to playing a game of less haste and more subtlety will require careful adjustment; but England are in good heart.

They are playing well as a team and they know that it is more by what happens now than by what they did in the World Cup that they must expect to be judged. Australia, the one-day champions, will be in the same boat when they play New Zealand, complete with Hadlee, at Brisbane next week. For the time being, the junketing is over.

ENGLAND AND PAKISTAN TEST CAREER AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

	M	I	No	R	HS	100	50	Ave	Ct/St
C W J Athey	17	30	1	722	123	1	4	24.89	-
S C Broad	14	25	2	961	162	3	4	41.78	6
D J Capel	1	2	0	81	53	-	1	40.50	-
N G B Cook	9	15	1	101	26	-	-	7.21	5
P A J DeFreitas	5	6	1	88	40	-	-	17.60	1
G R Dilley	30	42	13	391	56	-	2	13.48	9
J E Emburey	46	68	14	1027	75	-	5	19.01	28
N H Fairbrother	1	0	0	0	0	-	-	0.00	1
N A Foster	19	27	3	220	29	-	-	9.16	4
B N French	9	12	3	158	69	-	1	17.55	16
M W Gatting	58	100	13	3563	207	9	17	40.95	49
G A Gooch	59	105	4	3746	196	7	21	37.09	57
E E Hemmings	5	10	1	198	95	-	1	22.00	4
R T Robinson	21	36	3	1351	175	4	4	40.93	6

Bowling

	Over	Mid	Runs	Wk	BB	5i	Ave
D J Capel	108		64	0	-	-	-
N G B Cook	2990		1212	40	6-65	4	30.30
P A J DeFreitas	922		482	10	3-62	-	48.20
G R Dilley	5917		2972	99	6-154	3	30.02
J E Emburey	10868		3855	115	7-78	6	33.52
N A Foster	3847		1819	54	8-107	4	33.68
M W Gatting	614		256	2	1-14	-	128.00
G A Gooch	1419		546	13	2-12	-	42.00
E E Hemmings	1468		558	12	3-68	-	46.50
R T Robinson	6		0	0	-	-	-

Batting and fielding

	M	I	No	R	HS	100	50	Ave	Ct/St
Abdul Qadir	48	56	5	724	54	-	2	14.19	12 -
Asif Mujtaba	2	4	0	32	12	-	-	8.00	1 -
Ijaz Ahmed	5	5	0	153	69	-	2	30.60	4 -
Javed Miandad	86	133	18	6251	280*	15	34	54.35	71 1
Mansoor Akhtar	18	27	3	636	111	1	3	26.50	7 -
Manzoor Elahi	4	6	1	109	52	-	1	21.80	5 -
Mohsin Kamal	7	7	3	31	13*	-	-	15.50	2 -
Mudassar Nazar	65	99	8	3745	124	9	17	41.15	43 -
Ramiz Raja	16	26	1	794	122	2	3	31.76	16 -
Salim Malik	41	56	10	1650	119*	6	8	40.21	39 -
Salim Jaffer	3	4	1	17	9	-	-	5.66	- -
Salim Yousuf	16	21	3	502	91*	-	3	27.88	48 5
Shoaib Moh'd	13	18	1	472	101	1	2	27.76	5 -
Tauseef Ahmed	22	23	12	157	23*	-	-	14.27	7 -
Wasim Akram	20	24	5	284	66	-	2	14.94	7 -
Zulqarnain	3	4	0	24	13	-	-	6.00	8 2

Bowling

	Over	Mid	Runs	Wk	BB	5i	Ave
Abdul Qadir	12401		5508	161	7-96	11	34.21
Asif Mujtaba	18		2	0	-	-	-
Javed Miandad	1470		682	17	3-74	-	40.11
Manzoor Elahi	156		84	2	1-8	-	42.00
Mohsin Kamal	1024		597	17	4-127	-	35.11
Mudassar Nazar	5217		2266	54	6-32	1	41.96
Salim Malik	134		63	3	1-3	-	21.00
Salim Jaffer	432		205	4	2-115	-	51.25
Shoaib Mohammad	72		40	1	1-19	-	40.00
Tauseef Ahmed	5096		2049	70	6-45	3	29.27
Wasim Akram	4031		1677	63	6-91	4	26.61

*Compiled by Richard Lockwood

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Mediocre does it as five clubs lead one division

By Robert Kirley

In the National Football League, a record of five wins and five defeats might suggest, to the charitable, respectability, or to the cynical, mediocrity. In the American conference East division, however, it means first place and dreams of the Super Bowl — for all five teams. Never before have all of the clubs in one division been level with five weeks remaining in the campaign.

On Sunday, two games were played between teams in the division: the New England Patriots beat the Indianapolis Colts 24-0, and the Buffalo Bills defeated the New York Jets 17-14. New England intercepted four passes, recovered a fumble and blocked a punt to win after two successive defeats. Lippert, the cornerback, scored on a 45-yard interception return and Scott blocked a punt and returned it three yards for another touchdown.

Buffalo depended on an unusually good running game and a stingy defense. The Bills won only four games last season, which was twice as many as they won in 1984 and 1985. The Jets have sustained home defeats against the division's two surprise teams. Buffalo and Indianapolis.

The other AFC East team, the Miami Dolphins, ran past the Dallas Cowboys 20-14. Marino, of Miami, threw a two-yard scoring toss to Pruitt to extend to 30 the succession of games in which he has thrown at least one touchdown pass.

In the American conference West division, the Seattle Seahawks, led by the quarterback, Krieg (19 of 26 passes for 246 yards and two touchdowns), beat the San Diego Chargers 34-3, ending the Chargers' string of eight wins.

The New Orleans Saints have beaten two of the last three Super Bowl champions in two weeks, first San Francisco and then, on Sunday, the New York Giants 23-14. The Saints won their fourth successive game for the first time in their 21-year history.

The Giants, Super Bowl winners last January, have virtually been eliminated from play-off contention. The Saints are leading wild-card play-off contenders.

Results and tables

RESULTS: Buffalo 17, NY Jets 14; Minnesota 24, Atlanta 13; Cleveland 40, Houston 7; Chicago 30, Detroit 10; Green Bay 23, Kansas City 3; New England 24, Indianapolis 0; Pittsburgh 30, Cincinnati 16; St Louis 31, Philadelphia 19; San Francisco 24, Tampa Bay 10; Denver 23, LA Raiders 17; New Orleans 23, NY Giants 14; Seattle 34, San Diego 3; Miami 20, Dallas 14.

	W	L	D	F	A
American Conference					
East division					
New England Patriots	5	5	0	190	191
Buffalo Bills	5	5	0	181	238
Indianapolis Colts	5	5	0	193	164
New York Jets	5	5	0	225	203
Miami Dolphins	5	5	0	264	226
Central division					
Cleveland Browns	7	3	0	276	138
Pittsburgh Steelers	6	4	0	207	211
Houston Oilers	5	4	0	230	224
Cincinnati Bengals	3	7	0	184	202
West division					
San Diego Chargers	8	2	0	195	189
Seattle Seahawks	7	3	0	206	181
Denver Broncos	6	3	1	252	206
Los Angeles Raiders	3	7	0	200	206
Kansas City Chiefs	1	9	0	145	288
National Conference					
East division					
Washington Redskins	7	2	0	224	152
Dallas Cowboys	5	5	0	222	222
St Louis Cardinals	4	6	0	237	254
Philadelphia Eagles	4	6	0	218	264
New York Giants	3	7	0	174	225
Central division					
Chicago Bears	8	2	0	276	170
Minnesota Vikings	6	4	0	217	210
Green Bay Packers	4	5	1	183	191
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4	6	0	219	206
Detroit Lions	2	8	0	169	280
West division					
San Francisco 49ers	8	2	0	274	210
New Orleans Saints	7	3	0	280	178
Los Angeles Rams	2	7	0	171	239
Atlanta Falcons	2	8	0	143	294

● Does not include last night's game: Washington v LA Rams.

BASKETBALL

Dixon must wait to hear his fate

By Nicholas Harling

Robert Dixon, the Leicester coach, who was disqualified from Friday's Carlsberg League game at Portsmouth for three technical offences, will be free to guide his team through tonight's League visit to Calderdale and Saturday's Prudential National Cup semi-final at Polycell Kingston.

The disciplinary sub-committee of the English Basket Ball Association (EBBA) will discuss the matter on December 8, but as any suspension would not be implemented until 10 days after that, Dixon would still be free to coach Leicester at the cup final, should they reach it, on December 14.

Dixon may escape a ban altogether if the EBBA takes into account his previously good record and if he does not add to the nine disciplinary points he has already accumulated.

Dixon, aged 34, from Syracuse, who is in his second spell as Leicester's coach, had never previously received a technical in 11 years of coaching. But in the space of 20 seconds at the Mountbatten Centre, he incurred one for arguing about a decision with the referee, Peter Yates, a second for taking his frustration out on a chair and a third for continuing his protest.

With four minutes to go to half-time, Leicester were already well on the way to a crushing 104-81 defeat, their fifth in the League this season.

"When you lose by that many it's not the referee's fault," Dixon said. "But there were a couple of bad calls in a row and that made me angry."

The coach managed to control himself the following night on Birmingham's behalf when, as a spectator, he felt the home side received an equally raw deal from refereeing decisions. "If Birmingham hadn't got any calls they would have beaten Manchester United," he said.

United, who had been six points down with 11 minutes remaining, won 108-96.

The League's second-placed team visit MIM Livingstone tomorrow, Alphaprint Royals on Saturday and Portsmouth in the other Prudential National Cup semi-final on Sunday. Tomorrow's other big game features Portsmouth's visit to Kingston, fresh from Friday's success over Murray.

RUGBY UNION

Women changing the face of the gentlemen's game

By Chris Thau

A few men seem able to avoid a patronizing smile when one mentions women's rugby. Yet the skill, stamina and enthusiasm displayed by the 30 players of the first Great Britain v The Netherlands encounter on Sunday would have convinced even the most hardline critic that the women's game is here to stay.

The game is expanding fast. It is played on an increasingly large scale in England and Wales and is making inroads in Scotland and Ireland.

The day when all four home countries will be able to field their own team are not too far off — though England and Wales have already played against each other in an historic match in Pontypool last season. Until then English, Welsh, Irish and Scottish women will wear the red, white and blue stripe of Great Britain.

The resident Scot of this multi-national amalgam is Deborah MacLaren. Aged 23, she is a former pupil of George Watson College in Edinburgh and a graduate in social policy and administration of Leeds University. She started rugby in Leeds after a promising career in athletics and hockey. But as soon as she stepped onto a rugby pitch she was hooked.

"I was playing hockey on Saturdays and rugby on Sundays. Then I decided to concentrate on rugby because I felt I couldn't improve any more in hockey. There is so much more to learn in rugby. When I started they stuck me on the wing because all I could do was to run. Now I can pass, side-step, I've improved a lot and I'm still developing."

Of course the fact that both her brothers as well as her father played for the Watsonians must have helped. She has found the elusive spirit of the game compelling enough to carry on playing.

"While playing hockey I had four teeth knocked out, seven broken fingers, one broken ankle and one concussion, while in rugby I've had only a sore thumb once. More than that, the social aspect of rugby is quite unique. In hockey I would hardly recognize the girls I played with, while in rugby we've forged lasting friendships.

"Our game will no doubt prosper and develop. The new-image rugby which involves girls as well as boys is a very good idea because it teaches girls skills from an early age, something we've been markedly lacking."

Her view is shared by the author of *Total Rugby*, Jim Greenwood.

Greenwood, who found the enthusiasm of his students infectious, has agreed to become the coach of the women's team. "I wish more men's clubs allowed women to form their own sections. That would lead to the development of a new concept; rugby as a family game for the boys as well as for the girls," he said.



Women's movement: MacLaren hooked on oval ball game

CYCLING

Doyle has a hard road ahead

From Peter Bryan
Ghent

Tony Doyle will spend a further two months living out of a suitcase before the winter six-day season ends in Paris next February. On Sunday he finished his sixth event, here, and yesterday he was competing in another race in Zurich. Beyond that are seven more contracts for similar events in Europe before he winds down in Paris.

Doyle is in demand as one of the world's top performers but it is hardly surprising that once the season has ended he will travel to an Alpine peak for a fortnight to clear his lungs. The ever-present heat, dust and cigarette smoke — to say nothing of the physical exertion — that pervade indoor tracks make a clearing of the lungs essential.

The Ghent event was fairly typical of what a six-day rider has to endure, although a little easier than some because the promoter did not include any afternoon sessions. The theory is that the track bars do a roaring trade at night but few people are tempted to drink earlier in the day. Riders started at 8 p.m. each day, except Sunday, and competed in a variety of events until racing finished at 2 a.m. Six hours' sleep and then most would be out on a road ride to keep their legs supple for the coming night's racing.

The highlight of every session at a six-day race is the Madison, a relay race between all the two-man teams in which the object is to gain a lap lead on one's rivals. The speed of the Madison, with riders going in and out every two laps, will average in excess of 30mph.

With about 1,000 British supporters in the Ghent Sports Palais for the last two days' racing, Doyle was determined to win Saturday's Madison with his veteran partner, Rene Pijnen, of The Netherlands. The pair succeeded, leaving their last change two laps from the end, Doyle shooting ahead to victory.

Not so fortunate was the only all-British team in the race: Russell Williams, a favourite last year with the Ghent crowd as an amateur, and his partner Shaun Wallace, based in the United States. They had been riding well all week, building up a good points score in the lesser events, but found the pace of the Madison too fast and lost 30 laps overall.

HOCKEY

Double injury mars Army's indoor win

By Sydney Friskin

Severe injuries to key players, Nick Gordon, of the Army, and Steve Richardson, of the Royal Navy, marred the Services Indoor Championship yesterday at RAF Newton. The Army retained the title after defeating the Royal Air Force 12-3 in the deciding match of the round-robin series.

In the drama-packed second match of the day, Gordon crashed against a post while scoring the Army's fifth goal against the Navy and dislocated his left shoulder. The Army won 6-3.

The Navy's casualty occurred a little earlier when Richardson pulled a hamstring muscle and was taken away on a stretcher. At that stage the Navy were leading 2-1. Ward and Davey having scored in answer to Gordon's first-minute goal for the Army.

Jennings scored the Army's equalizer from a corner and goals by Hunnisett and two more from Gordon before his injury put the Army well ahead. They scored only one more goal after Gordon's exit through Hunnisett after Boswell had obtained the Navy's third goal.

With Gordon out of action, Jennings took command of the Army. He scored seven goals against the RAF, one from a penalty stroke and five from corners. Hunnisett obtained three and Meares, two. The RAF scorers were Hart, Barrett and Lay.

In the first match of the day, the RAF struggled to beat the Navy 2-1. The Navy took the lead through Davey and lost the opportunity to increase it when Kelly, the RAF goalkeeper, saved a penalty stroke from Morgan. Hart and Hussein put the RAF 2-1 ahead. There were no goals in the second half.

The inter-corps tournament will be played at the same venue today and tomorrow to decide the two teams to qualify for the last 32 of the National Club Championship.

RESULTS: RAF 2, Royal Navy 1; Army 6, Royal Navy 3; Army 12, RAF 3. Final positions: 1, Army, 4pts; 2, RAF, 2; 3, Royal Navy, 0.

● The Lada British Cities Indoor Championship will be played at Alexandra Palace from January 22 to 24, in two pools. The winners and runners-up in each pool will qualify for the semi-finals.

POOLS: A: Edinburgh, Leeds, London North, Nottingham, Southampton. B: Cardiff, Birmingham, London South, Bristol, Cambridge.

Anglo-Scots give Harris his place back

Tynedale, whose progress to the third round of the John Player Special Cup has caused such glee in the north-east, will be delighted to see Ian Harris, their full back, regain his place in the Anglo-Scots side that plays the South at Mayfield, Dundee, on Saturday (David Hands writes).

The side is based on that which beat the touring French XV in September, but Gray, the Nottingham lock, takes over the captaincy from the unavailable Macklin. In the new-look front row, Burnell, aged 22, the Leicester prop, makes his debut alongside Abercrombie, who has hooked for Auckland.

ANGLO-SCOTS: I Harris (Tynedale); T Peterson-Brown (London Scottish), T Exeter (Moseley), R McLean (Gloucester), L Renwick (London Scottish); R Cumib (Harlequins), D Millard (Exeter University); D Butcher (Harlequins), I Abercrombie (London Scottish), P Burnell (Leicester), G Marshall (Wakefield), D Cronin (Bath), C Gray (Nottingham, captain), I Morrison (London Scottish), A N Other. Replacements: A Buchanan-Smith (Loughborough University), C Campbell (Sale). Non-travelling reserves: J Beveridge (London Scottish), D Ogilvie (Gosforth), I Kirk (London Scottish), C Russell (London Scottish), J Reid (Rosslyn Park), A Macdonald (Loughborough University), S Tweedy (London Welsh).

London bring in Smith for Salmon

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Jamie Salmon, capped 12 times by England over the last two years and three times by New Zealand in 1981, has been overlooked by London for the Toshiba divisional championships, which begin next month. Lawrence Smith, of Saracens, has been preferred to the Harlequins centre for the game against the North at Otley on December 5.

It will be Smith's first appearance for the division in a XV dominated, predictably, by Wasps who have had 11 players chosen.

It is a bold decision by the London selectors whose chairman, Graham Smith (no relation) said yesterday: "We have chosen two centres, Lozowski and Smith, who we consider are in peak form at the moment. We are picking from strength and the reports are that those two are both playing effectively."

Salmon began the season late after going to South Africa as coach to Felbridge Juniors during the summer. London will miss his experience and organizational ability but against that can be set the physical presence of Smith, who moves some 17st about the field with impressive rapidity.

His ability to make dents for Saracens in the opposition, which creates chances for the speedy John Buckton alongside him, will now be tested at a higher level.

Salmon may yet be nominated as a London replacement, depending upon whether the selectors believe Lozowski can effectively cover as stand-off half. If they decide he cannot, Colyer (Blackheath) is likely to receive preference.

There are nine survivors from the side that ended last season's championship, among them Mark Rose who is not presently in the Wasps' first XV.

The wheel has turned for Davies, who plays stand-off half; that is the position in which he began his international career, before being played at centre, then full back.

It is the position he prefers and he will enjoy opposing his club colleague should Andrew be selected at stand-off for the North (who have a run-out at Morley on Sunday, after which their team will be announced).

It is a sad comment upon the dearth of locks in the Midlands that Orwin, who will lead the side, and Cannon are paired against the South and South-West at Bristol in the championship.

Orwin, the younger man, is 33 years old, but few of the younger men available seem ready yet for the higher level.

Nottingham are fortunate to see so many of their backs in the side, particularly since they have struggled for possession in recent league games, but the half backs, Cusworth and Robson, have everything to play for. It might have been more progressive to put Linnett in at loosehead prop but Midlands prospects will obviously revolve around their back row and half back success.

Most of the leading players from three divisions were at Worcester on Sunday (London had their own session at Lensbury) to meet Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, though most of the work was run by Don Rutherford, the RFU technical administrator, and his divisional assistants.

"It served its purpose because it was part of the longer-term planning, rather than of immediate impact for this season," Cooke said yesterday.

"I was a very interested observer while the DTAs were putting over various themes. I had also asked two of the most experienced players from each division to meet me earlier in the day because I wanted to talk about match preparations and ensure the players felt they were being consulted. I was very pleased with that aspect."

LONDON DIVISION (v North, Otley; Wasps unless stated): M Rose (Harlequins); M Bailey (capt), R Lozowski, L Smith (Saracens), Oti (Cambridge University and Nottingham); N Davies, S Bates; P Rendall, A Simmons, J Probyn, M Skinner (Harlequins), C Pinnegar, S O'Leary, M Rigby, M Rose. Replacements: N Stringer, A N Other, J Cullen (Richmond), J Olver (Harlequins), A Mullins (Harlequins), N Edwards (Harlequins).

MIDLAND DIVISION (v South and South-West, Bristol): S Hodgkinson (Nottingham); E Saunders (Rugby), M Northard (Nottingham), G Hartley (Nottingham), C Jones (Nottingham); L Cusworth (Leicester), S Robson (Moseley); L Johnson (Coventry), B Moore (Nottingham), G Pearce (Northampton), J Wells (Leicester), J Orwin (Bedford, capt), V Cannon (Northampton), G Rees (Nottingham), D Richards (Leicester). Replacements: T Buttimore (Leicester), R Moon (Harlequins), M Linnett (Moseley), M Howe (Bedford), P Thornley (Leicester), G Robbins (Coventry).

Championship firsts

By Joyce Whitehead

The last two rounds of the women's territorial county championships at the weekend provided one of the most exciting finishes for years, and produced two first-time winners — Kent for East and Devon for the West territory.

At Colchester, it was not until the last match that Kent scored the only goal against Cambridgeshire to take the title. Earlier in the day Hertfordshire had been leading and only needed to beat Norfolk to be home and dry. However, Jane Greenwood and Kathy Edwards gave Norfolk a 2-1 win, putting Hertfordshire into second place. Essex were third.

In the West, the persistence of Gloucestershire put the result in jeopardy until the last match. By beating Avon, the holders, 1-0, they rose to third place and brought Avon down to second, leaving Devon, who drew 1-1 with Gloucestershire, on top.

Surrey sealed their territorial title by beating Buckinghamshire 2-0 on the last day at Bisham Abbey. Berkshire came second, with Middlesex third. Staffordshire were clear winners in the Midlands, ahead of Warwickshire, the runners-up. Sheffield League became champions of the north, with Yorkshire in second and Lancashire third.

The Midlands territory has already named its side for the post-Christmas championship.

MIDLANDS TEAM: K Lobb (capt, Leics), C Adcock (Lecs), L Bayliss (Staffs), M Burrows (Derby), C Fry (Warwicks), K Gordon (Leics), S Holwell (Leics), J Lewis (Derby), E McVey (Beds), M Pickles (BCHE), J Stanning (Warwicks), E Stirling (Warwicks), S Wright (Leics).

IOC president continues to play a straight bat whatever the bowling from the Koreans

Eastern European warning to S Korea

Guangzhou, Canton

South Korea has been warned that it must not regard the acceptance by individual countries of invitations to the Olympic Games in Seoul as a political triumph. This point was strongly emphasized by several Eastern European representatives at informal meetings with Juan Antonio Samaranch, the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), here during China's sixth National Games.

It was a wise move for the IOC to have decided after the 1984 games that invitations would henceforth be issued by it and not by the host city. This eliminates some of the political pressures.

It is understood that East Germany have reiterated their intention, under present circumstances, of attending next summer's games. While the present South Korean presidential election campaign is not a matter of concern for the East Germans, their attendance in Seoul, it is implied, would not constitute acceptance of the Korean political situation should the ruling Government retain power.

This substantiates the present optimism within the Olympic movement that the leading Socialist countries, including China, will be among those present at the largest Games of all time. Chinese Government and Olympic officials stated euphemistically here that their country "will continue to support the Olympic movement".

COMMENTARY



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North Korea, however, continue to play hard to get: though there is a noticeable absence of remorse among some of their supposed allies.

Yu Sun Kim, the North Korean IOC member, has been here for the Chinese Games, and over the weekend repeated the present stance of the Pyongyang regime. They are less interested now in the IOC's proposals for partial hosting, and instead are seeking a joint team. They will wait before making further approach to the South Koreans until the election result on December 16 is known.

Yu Sun Kim implies they are sure that if the opposition wins the election they can easily reach agreement on parading a joint team at the opening ceremony, as East and West Germany at the 1968 Games in Mexico City.

Samaranch continues to play a diplomatic straight bat, whatever the bowling. He might justifiably have complained against bad light and walked off the pitch long ago; but his concern is to keep the Olympic movement together and leave the initiative for as long as possible in the North Korean camp.

Of as much concern to SLOOC, the Seoul organizers, should be the serious disorganization beginning to emerge — as in so many major international events — from the ticket and hotel administration. Australian and United States Olympic offices report that their general agents cannot yet obtain the release of accommodation to go with competition tickets, and are therefore unable to advertise package details. The British Olympic Association was yesterday not aware, as yet, of the problem, but are enquiring with their travel agents.

While SLOOC handles event tickets, hotel rooms are being organized by the Korean Tourist Board, which has retained more than 70 per cent of all rooms. The Tourist Board is hoping, of course, to fill the "Olympic Family Village", where rooms are $55 (£31) a night, but there are disquieting stories of a freelance travel agent, with access to accommodation, who is already hawking black-market hotel rooms. SLOOC need to act fast.

Collaboration with Hong Kong

The experience of visiting the province of Guangdong has been most moving. In the period of post-counter cultural revolution, the people of South East China have re-emerged as one of the most energetic, humorous and entrepreneurial. Their collaboration with Hong Kong investment projects provides a fascinating picture of Communist adjustment from which it will be difficult to turn back. The governor of Guangdong stated as much at an official luncheon yesterday. "The way is forward," he stressed.

The Chinese give to sport, as they do to everything, a vigour that is infectious. I have just returned from the acrobatics competition: a branch of gymnastics which involves multiple exercises between two, three and four competitors, with phenomenal leaps, somersaults and balancing acts.

I personally found these, including the involvement of their well-known Olympic competitor, Li Ning, so much more difficult and interesting than, say, conventional women's floor exercises which, with respect to Olga Korbut, are an amalgam of ballet and eroticism without genuinely being either. Acrobatics would be a better addition to the Olympic programme than the clever but tediously repetitive synchronized swimming, which we have boringly watched.

I went one evening to the theatre, or rather a music hall. The programme opened with 500 primary school violinists, aged 6, playing two classical works. There were operatic singers, pop groups, and a full chorus and orchestra; the state army brass band, a phenomenal juggler simultaneously keeping eight rings in the air and bouncing a football on his forehead, and acrobats jumping through hoops at something over two metres, approaching the world high-jump record; and the Canton equivalent of Morecambe and Wise. An audience of a 1,000 or so applauded warmly, and never stopped talking throughout.

When Henry Fok, a Hong Kong millionaire businessman, and also a member of the FIFA executive board, opened the new luxurious White Swan hotel recently, he needed 3,000 staff under local management. None of them had ever done the job before. Yet from the start, the hotel operated flawlessly.

The Chinese are responding to opportunity, which includes international sport, with an overwhelming wish to improve themselves. At a temple of Buddha, in Foshan City, 5,000 years old, my guide was a shy, diminutive student, aged 19, from the local language college, studying English for only one year. At the end, knowing I was involved in sport, she asked if she could give me her address. What, I asked, would she like me to write to her about. "Write to tell me about wonderful events," she said.

ICE SKATING

Conway's blemish adds fresh incentive

By John Hennessy

Joanne Conway, of North Shields, took the first confident step towards retaining her Tuborg British women's figure-skating championship at Lee Valley yesterday. Despite a late hiccup, she was placed first in the compulsory figures by all seven judges.

Gina Fulton, from Sacriston, Durham, received a unanimous vote of confidence in second place, leaving Fiona Ritchie, from Dundee, the British junior champion, third.

The one unexpected blemish on Miss Conway's performance was in the last figure, the loops, ordinarily her best. She was third in the world championship loops last season and last month pipped Debi Thomas, of the United States, the former world champion, in Skate Canada.

This time, however, Miss Conway was once off balance, although she still won when Miss Fulton's two circles did not match. Yet there was one feather in her cap when one judge, Elizabeth Currie, placed her first in the counters with 3.7 to 3.5.

The strongest challenge to Miss Conway in the last figure came from Alison Laws, from Sunderland. Miss Laws, fourth overall, was placed first by Diana McLean and equal with Miss Conway by Wendy Utley.

Miss Conway is such a strong favourite that, curiously, this may be an impediment. Two years ago, aged 14 (the youngest for 32 years), she pulled out everything to dispossess Suzanne Jackson. Last year she was motivated by defending her title and now feels she must make a special effort to get "up".

The draw for today's short programme, as though stage-managed, has placed the first three in reverse order: giving Miss Conway the advantage of knowing what she has to do to hold Miss Fulton at bay. Perhaps that will provide the motivation she may need for complete self-satisfaction.

RESULTS: Compulsory figures: 1, J Conway (Sunderland), 0.8pts; 2, G Fulton (Sunderland), 1.2; 3, F Ritchie (Dundee), 1.8; 4, A Laws (Sunderland), 2.4; 5, L Wooster (Richmond), 3.0; 6, J Fox (Richmond), 3.6.

FOOTBALL

McClair drops out as Scots make changes

Mo Johnston, of Nantes, and Eric Black, of Metz, who were unavailable for Scotland's last match against Bulgaria are recalled for their country's final European championship match against Luxembourg on tomorrow week. The two forwards were unavailable for the match in Sofia because of French League matches on the same evening.

The recall of Johnston and Black means that there is no place for Brian McClair. Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, emphasized, however, that the Manchester United forward remains a part of his future plans.

Willie Miller, the durable Aberdeen central defender, is also back after being ruled out through injury last time. Roy Aitken of Celtic who will again be captain, celebrates his 29th birthday today with a new contract which ties him to the Parkhead club until 1992. Aitken had 18 months remaining on his existing contract but Billy McNeill, the Celtic manager, was happy to tie him to Celtic for the rest of his career.

The match is being played in the Luxembourg frontier town of Esch-sur-Alzette in a stadium with a capacity of 7,000, a far cry from Sofia, where 70,000 watched Scotland defeat Bulgaria and send the Republic of Ireland to the European championship finals.

The scorer of Scotland's goal in Sofia, Gary Mackay, of Hearts, retains his place as does Gordon Durie, of Chelsea, another debutant in the squad in Sofia.

SCOTLAND: B Gunn (Norwich City), G Leighton (Aberdeen), H Smith (Heart of Midlothian), R Aitken (Celtic), S Clarke (Chelsea), G Gillespie (Liverpool), R Gough (Rangers), A McLeish (Aberdeen), M Malpas (Dundee United), W Miller (Aberdeen), D Whyte (Celtic), I Durrant (Rangers), G Mackay (Heart of Midlothian), P McStay (Celtic), S Nicol (Liverpool), I Wilson (Everton), E Black (Metz), G Durie (Chelsea), M Johnston (Nantes), A McCoist (Rangers), P Nevin (Chelsea), G Sharp (Everton).

● Jim Leighton, the Scotland goalkeeper, whose contract at Aberdeen expires at the end of the season, is worth £1.5 million, according to his club. Manchester United have already expressed an interest but Ian Porterfield, the Aberdeen manager, will offer a lucrative contract to Leighton.

Liverpool trial of fire for Bassett

By Ian Ross

The full extent of the damage caused to Watford in the wake of the sale of the club by Elton John, the chairman, could be clinically exposed at Anfield tonight.

With his future in serious doubt, Dave Bassett, the Watford manager, needs his side to show the discipline missing this season as it attempts to suppress Liverpool, the championship favourites.

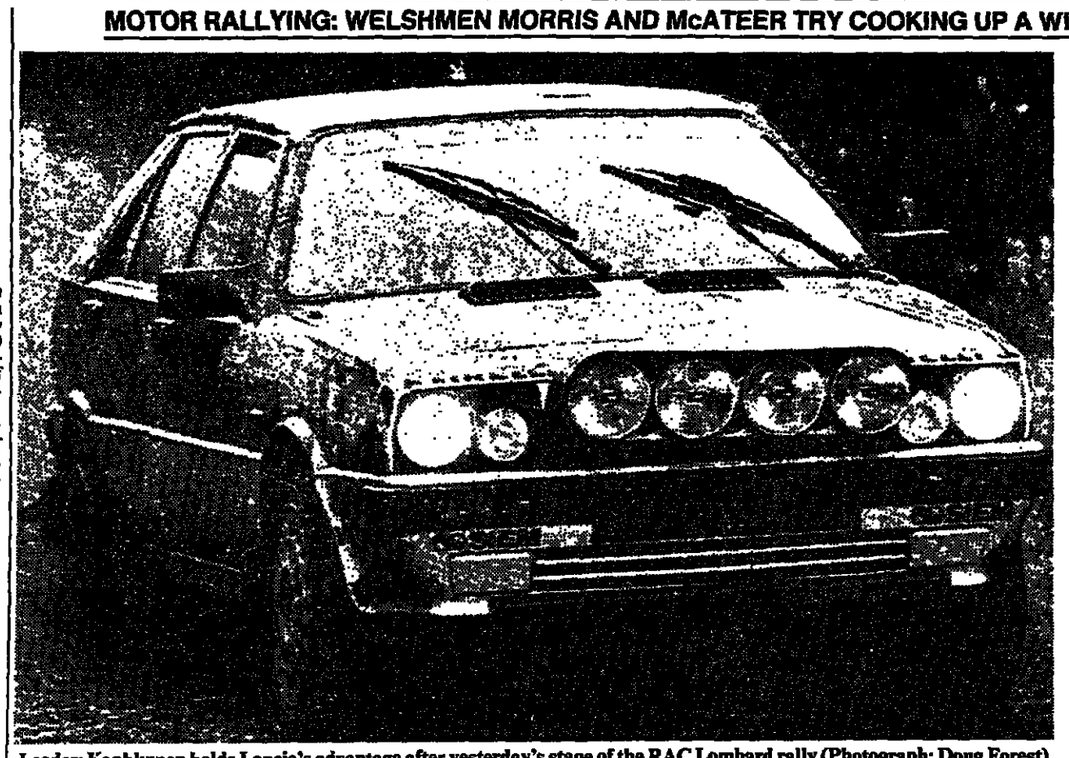
An unenviable task has been made all the more daunting by Liverpool's failure to defeat Norwich City. Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, will almost certainly keep faith with Peter Beardsley, the England forward who was substituted on Saturday and who has not yet discovered the form that prompted his £1.9 million transfer. Dalglish is set to name an unchanged line-up as Liverpool seek to restore themselves to the top spot.

● Bradford City, the second division leaders, go into tonight's fourth round Littlewoods Cup replay with Reading as heavy favourites to earn a quarter-final place against Luton Town

FA Trophy draw

FIRST ROUND: Kidderminster v Frickley; Bromsgrove v Blyth Spartans; Newcastle Blue Star v Rhyl; South Liverpool v Lincoln; Gateshead v Corby; Burton v Barrow; Nuneaton v Marine; Bangor v Boston United; Caernarfon v Stafford; Hyde v Altrincham; Buxton v Telford; Witton v Whitby; Runcorn v Redditch or Northwich Victoria; South Bank v Spennymoor or Whitley Bay; Macclesfield v Bishop Auckland; Welling v Leyton-Wingate; Fareham v Hendon; Fisher v Marlow; Enfield v Worthing; Slough or Saltash v Dagenham; Windsor and Eton v Barnet; Gloucester v Yeovil; Farnborough v Crawley; Sutton United v Bishop's Stortford; Cambridge City v Poole; Aylesbury v Kettering; Banbury v Wealdstone; Wokingham v Tooting and Mitcham; Bath v Merthyr Tydfil; Harrow v Weymouth; Maidstone v Dartford; Wycombe v Cheltenham.
Matches to be played on December 19.

MOTOR RALLYING: WELSHMEN MORRIS AND McATEER TRY COOKING UP A WINNING TEAM



Leader: Kankkunen holds Lancia's advantage after yesterday's stage of the RAC Lombard rally (Photograph: Doug Forest)

Finn stays calm to keep lead

By Andrew Longmore

Juha Kankkunen maintained his slender lead throughout the second day of the Lombard RAC Rally yesterday. The Finn kept calm through sleet, snow and an overflow of spectators that caused the third stage through Hafren to be cancelled. But the drive of the day came from Louise Aitken-Walker in the Peugeot 205, who became the first British lady driver since Pat Moss 23 years ago, to get into the top ten of the RAC Rally. She ended the day a remarkable eighth.

Just under half-way through the Rally, Kankkunen, the world champion, leads from his Lancia team colleagues. Mikael Ericsson and Markku Alen. Ericsson rolled his Delta in the Welsh forests and damaged his steering rack, but still held on to second place, just 56sec behind the leader.

Alen, in contrast, was most unhappy, particularly in the morning. "It is bad luck to be first car on the road in the snow. I lost maybe a minute to the other two," the Finn said. Later in the day, however, Alen slowly eroded Kankkunen's lead, and by the end of the day he was 1min 14sec behind.

Per Eklund, in the Audi, relished the harsh conditions and, at one stage during the morning, reached second place, before falling back with power steering and alternator faults.

The Ford Sierras of McKay and Blomqvist battled hard in adverse conditions, but McKray suffered a cracked sump, which could not be repaired until the evening, and his co-driver had to sit with a tin of oil between his knees for the rest of the day. McKray still ended as the top British driver just ahead of Russell Brooks who, again, drove steadily.

LEADING POSITIONS (After 23 stages): 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), 2hr 10mn 57sec; 2, M Ericsson (Swe), 2:11 53, 3, M Alen (Fin), 2:12:11; 4, P Eklund (Swe), 2:13:37; 5, S Blomqvist (Swe), 2:14:22; 6, J McRae (GB), 2:15:14; 7, R Brookes (GB), 2:15:40; L Aitken-Walker (GB), 2:19:32; 9, C Sainz (Sp), 2:19:55; 10, M Jonsson (Swe), 2:20:00.

Double act keeps Lancia in running

By Andrew Longmore

LOMBARD RAC RALLY

The RAC Lombard Rally does funny things to people. Spectators get up at extraordinary hours in the morning to watch cars in the snow; calm people rant and rave and two Welshman, who would never be seen with a frying pan in their hands in their own kitchen, cook breakfast each morning for a host of Italians, and one or two Scandinavians.

For most of the year, Will Morris and Andy McAteer work in the nuclear power station near their home in Blaenau Ffestiniog. For the four days of the rally, they take on a different character entirely, cooking, cleaning and shopping for the Lancia-Martini rally team. And they dispense a vast number of breakfasts from a kitchen the size of a telephone box.

"I never do the cooking at home," McAteer says. "My wife does it all. So don't tell her about this or she might think I enjoy it."

The Welshmen are a vital part of the huge Lancia team, which includes three service vans and at least seven chase cars with mechanics and engineers. They all need feeding. But the priority is the three works drivers and they can be a bit of a problem.

Yesterday, in the early hours of the morning, Markku Alen was not happy. He had lost time on the early stages through the Welsh forests and the weather was awful. The service van was too cold; the day before it had been too hot. The cooks have to bite their lips.

"Markku is Markku. He is a bag of nerves a lot of the time and it shows. Kankkunen and Ericsson are much calmer. Sometimes it's difficult to keep taking orders because we're not used to it, but it's our job and we don't mind — for four days anyway."

The logistics of organizing a team of 40 through four days and 1600 miles are frightening. There are two food vans and they take it in turns to be at major service areas. Morris and McAteer have a special service book, which marks exactly where they are supposed to be and when. But they are also useful because of their local knowledge: through contacts they book private service areas for the Lancia team on the Welsh stages.

They get the job through local contacts, too. Morris had done a lot of club rallying himself in Wales and last year was asked by the Lancia co-ordinator for England if he would like to help out.

By the time the rally finishes tomorrow evening, the pair will have covered over 16,000 miles, bought more than £200,000 of food and cooked close to eighty breakfasts, quite apart from other meals. At times their van resembles a mobile Tower of Babel as they converse in Welsh, against a background of Italian mechanics and Finnish drivers. But they get paid for something they have done anyway for ten years — and they love to be involved.

BOXING

Warren's show may not go on

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Frank Warren's show at Wisbech tonight is in danger of being knocked out by Gary Cooper. The official challenger for the British light-middleweight championship was still refusing last night to meet Gary Stretch, a late replacement for Lloyd Hibbert, the champion, who suddenly decided to retire on Friday.

Despite a weekend of negotiations involving the boxing board and Cooper's manager, Jack Bishop, and threats by Warren to "go to law", there was no word from Bishop, who appeared to be standing by his view that having signed to meet an orthodox boxer in Hibbert, Cooper could not be expected, at such short notice, to take on a southpaw.

Warren claimed that Bishop's refusal to let Cooper box would put him in breach of contract. According to Warren, the contract provides that if one of the contestants drops out, a mutually agreed substitute can step in. If the parties still disagree the boxing board's choice must be accepted. The board has accepted Stretch as a suitable opponent.

Stretch was called in on Friday after Hibbert decided to retire because "he can't get himself together any more". His manager, Nobby Nobbs, said: "He has personal problems. He can't train properly any more. I tried to dissuade him but no luck." This is the second time that Hibbert has retired, the first being in 1983 after losing an eliminator to Lloyd Honeyghan.

Stretch himself has not boxed for nine months because of a dispute with his manager, Mike Barrett, "a clash of personalities", according to his trainer, Johnny Clark.

Clark said his charge has been in training and was only too glad to be called up as he had not earned anything from boxing and was "getting rather upset.

Stretch was voted the *Grandstand* "Best young prospect" last year and has lost only one of his 16 contests, on a clash of heads. He bought out the last four months of his contract with Barrett for £5.700 and is now with Warren.

At 30, Cooper is a vastly more experienced boxer, has a good chin, good stamina and can hit, though he he is not a big puncher.

GOLF

WPGA opts to delay

By Patricia Davies

Yesterday was meant to be decision day, the day the Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA) would say whether it intended to continue its affiliation with the PGA or whether it would become an independent body. However, Maxine Burton, the chairman of the WPGA, has asked for more talks and Derek Nash, her PGA counterpart, has agreed.

"The proposals the PGA put to us were not exactly in keeping with what we wanted," Miss Burton said, "and we'd like to go to the board again and have another chat. We're going to renegotiate but I'm not prepared to go into the details at the moment."

Miss Burton stressed that there was no animosity between the sides and Nash confirmed this. "Our talks with the WPGA are entirely amicable," he said. "There are a couple of outstanding matters, which require further discussion at board level."

Reading between the lines, the WPGA may have recognized that it is too early to set up its own organization, which would be an expensive business, while the choice of an executive director seems to be causing a few problems.

● Prize-money for the Wang Four Stars national pro-celebrity tournament will go up to a record £180,000 when it is staged at Moor Park from June 9 to 12. The tournament is also expected to raise a record sum for charity under its new sponsors, whose £1 million backing has guaranteed the event for the next three years.

RACKETS

Double for Radley pair

By William Stephens

When James Male and Julian Snow won the Noel Bruce Cup old boys' competition for Radley on Sunday at Queen's Club, it was the school's first appearance in the final. They defeated the brothers, Mark and Paul Nicholls, who were looking to give Malvern their first win, by 15-12, 15-4, 15-11, 18-17. Male's pace and brilliant winners together with Snow's incisive service and nagging length ensured a Radleian victory.

Male is the open singles champion but Snow, who has hardly played rackets since school, concentrates on real tennis, at which he is amateur champion. Together they are amateur doubles champions and, with Thane Warburg, gave Radley their first win in the Henry Leaf Cup in 1985 (Radley are also the present holders). Thus another record is established: this is the first time since the old boys' competitions were inaugurated in the 1920s that the same pair have featured in winning teams of both.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Malvern (M and P Nicholls) bt Tonbridge (J and A Spurling), 18-12, 15-0, 15-3, 9-15, 5-15, 15-5, 15-7; Radley (J Male and J Snow) bt Harrow (C Hue Williams and J Prenn), 15-3, 15-12, 15-4, 17-14. Final: Radley bt Malvern, 15-12, 15-4, 15-11, 18-17.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

MAIDENHEAD: Inter Club 5.25-mile cross-country: 1, D Compton (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 29.26; 2, B Brackstone (Bracknell), 30:06; 3, B Glad (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 30.24. Team: 1, Windsor, Slough and Eton, 57.

BARNSLEY. Marathon: 1, J Norman (Altrincham) 2hr 28min 09sec; 2, M Critchley (Bolton United), 2:30.50; 3, R Turner (Border H), 2:31.28. Teams: 1, Barnsley Road Runners 57pts; 2, Lancaster and Morecambe 85; 3, Hallamshire 100. Women: 1 C Warrington (Horwich), 2:58.52; 2, J Smith (Dark Peak), 3.5.55; 3, K Gunnar (Staits Moorlands), 3.15.39.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne: Victoria 501 for 5 dec; Tasmania 324 and 354 for 9 (G Hughes 95, M Taylor 58). Match drawn. Adelaide: South Australia 367 and 209 for 3 dec (A Hickech 91 not out, D Hookes 87); Queensland 318 and 210 for 8 (R Kerr 63, G Ritchie 55, T May 3 for 46, P Sleep 3 for 53). Match drawn.

CYCLING

GHENT, Belgium: Six-day race: 1, D Clark (Aus)/E de Wilde (Bel), 458pts; One lap behind: 2, R Hermann (Liech)/S Tourne (Bel), 304; 3, H H Oersted (Den)/P Bincoletto (It), 275. GB placings: 55 laps behind: 9, R Williams/B Wallace, 338.

QUERETARO, Mexico: Mexican youth race: Third leg: 1, C Flores (Mex), 4hr 3min 2sec; 2, J L Castaneda (Mex), 4:03.11; 3 Bonte (It).

FENCING

TYNESIDE: Open tournament: Mens' foil: 1, P Kay (York); 2, D McKenzie (Meadowbank) 3, S Walton (Edinburgh University), 4, P Oswin (Lindisfarne), 5, C Collins (Ashton), 6, R Stanmore (Southport), 7, A Williams (Sale Paul); 8, C Cook (Ashton). Womens' foil: 1, A Ferguson (Ashton), 2, L Campbell (Ajax); 3, S Paterson (Meadowbank), 4, T Sewell (Stockport); 5, S Mawby (York); 6, T Connor (Ashton); 7, K Cowsell (unatt); 8, F Bygate (Darlington).

FOOTBALL

URUGUAYAN LEAGUE: Penarol 2, Rampla Juniors 1; Nacional 4, Miramar 1; Danubio 3, Bella Vista 0, Cerro 1, Huracan Buceo 0; Wanderers 2, Progreso 1; Central Espanol 2, River Plate 1.

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), 1156pts, 2, G Norman (Aus), 1151, 3 B Langer (WG), 1123, 4, C Strange (US), 871, 5, S Lyle (GB), 815, 6, I Woosnam (GB), 786; 7, M McNulty (SA), 728, 8, P Stewart (US), 717, 9 Watkins (US), 708, 10, B Crenshaw (US) 668; 11, P Azinger (US), 649; 12, L Mize (US), 637; 13 T Nakajima (Japan), and R Davis (Aus), 620, 15, T Watson (US), 616, 16, N Faldo (GB), 598; 17, S Simpson (US), 582, 18, H Sutton (US), 584, 19, I Aoki (Japan), 583, 20, M Ozaki (Japan), 569. Other British: equal 36, G Brand jnr, 397; 42, H Clark, 361, 50, S Torrance, 297

GYMNASTICS

WEMBLEY: New Zealand Lamb international rhythmic tournament: 1, A Dimitrova (Bul), 39.80pts, 2, M Paschalieva (Bul), 39.50, 3, I Lliorel (Sp), 39.10. British: 12, L Black, 37.35, 13, A Sands, 37.25

WEIGHTLIFTING

BEIJING. Chinese National Games: 52kg class: H Zhuogang (China) total at: 265kg (world record)

BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Crystal Palace 55, Sheffield 64, Central YMCA 74, London Jets 56

SCOTTISH CUP: Men: Quarter-finals: MIM Livingston 76, GEAR 64; Boroughmuir 81, Pentland 67. Glasgow Airport 79, Dundee 58. Women: Quarter-final: Palmers Motors 88, Boroughmuir Aces 59

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: Second division: Clarinettes 57, Inverclyde 75; James Watt College 77, Barr Electrics 76. Women: Second division: Inverclyde 64, City of Glasgow 66, Perth 36, Borders 85, Inverness 34, Dunedin 50; Alva 31, Bellarmine 64.

BANK OF SCOTTLAND JUNIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE: GEAR 89, Portobello 62; Magnum 77, Paisley 107, Cumnock 99, WHEC 86, Bellshill 84, Aberdeen 68; Dalkeith 87, Livingston 56

BANGKOK: Asian championship: Second round: Malaysia 95, Thailand 68; China 97, Philippines 94, South Korea 85, Japan 59; Chinese Taipei 92, India 67. Hong Kong 135, Macau 76, Jordan 79, Iraq 76; Bahrain 64, Indonesia 63. Championship pool: China 109, Thailand 69, Philippines 97, Malaysia 94; South Korea 98, Chinese Taipei 81; Japan 90, India 67.

UNITED STATES: National Association: (NBA): Portland Trail Blazers 120, Indiana Pacers 110, Milwaukee Bucks 124, Los Angeles Lakers 116.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Celtics	8	2	.800	—
Philadelphia 76ers	3	4	.429	3½
New Jersey Nets	2	5	.286	4½
New York Knicks	2	7	.222	5½
Washington Bullets	2	7	.222	5½
Central division				
Chicago Bulls	7	2	.778	—
Milwaukee Bucks	7	3	.700	1½
Atlanta Hawks	6	3	.667	1
Detroit Pistons	5	3	.625	1½
Indiana Pacers	5	5	.500	2½
Cleveland Cavaliers	3	5	.375	3½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver Nuggets	6	3	.667	—
Houston Rockets	6	3	.667	—
Utah Jazz	5	3	.625	½
Dallas Mavericks	5	5	.500	1½
San Antonio Spurs	4	5	.444	2
Sacramento Kings	2	6	.250	3½
Pacific division				
Los Angeles Lakers	8	1	.889	—
Seattle SuperSonics	5	4	.556	3
Phoenix Suns	5	6	.375	4½
Portland Trail Blazers	4	5	.444	4½
Los Angeles Clippers	3	6	.333	5
Golden State Warriors	1	9	.100	7½

CARLSBERG LEAGUE

	P	W	L	Pts
Kingston	10	10	0	20
Manchester Uto	10	9	1	18
Portsmouth	9	8	1	16
Livingston	10	7	3	14
Hemel/Watford	11	7	4	14
Birmingham	11	6	5	12
Calderdale	9	6	3	12
Solent	9	5	4	10
Bracknell	8	4	4	8
Solihull/Bury	8	4	4	8
Sunderland	12	4	8	8
Leicester	8	3	5	6
Derby	11	2	9	4
Dignam	13	1	12	2
BCP London	10	0	10	0

BOWLS

INDOOR COUNTY MATCHES: (at Handy Cross) Buckinghamshire 129, Essex 124. (at Stone Lodge) Kent 195, Oxfordshire 73. (at Northampton) Northamptonshire 169, Hertfordshire 145

HANDBALL

TRIANGULAR INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: (at City of Leicester): England 31, Wales 17, Scotland 30, Wales 12, Scotland 22, England 25.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Men: Ashford Tanners 11, Great Dane 31

MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Men: Yago School 8, German Tornados 42.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: East: Kent 6, Lincolnshire 0; Suffolk 0, Cambridgeshire 2, Essex 1, Huntingdonshire 1; Hertfordshire 1, Norfolk 2; Kent 1, Cambridgeshire 0 (Kent win tiebreak).

HA CUP: Second round: St. Albans 4, RAF Strike Command 1

HAMPSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Havant 2, Hamble OB 0

KENT CUP: Quarter-final: Canterbury 4, Tunbridge Wells 0.

MIDDLESEX CUP: Second round: Teddington 5, Stanmore 0.

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Purley 0, Cambridge University 4

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Kent: Division One: Deal 1, Garu Nanak 1

EASTERN COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Cambridgeshire 4, Bedfordshire 1

EASTERN COUNTIES UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Cambridgeshire 1, Bedfordshire 2.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Middlesex 5, Buckinghamshire 0.

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: East: Kent 8, Lincolnshire 0, Suffolk 0, Cambridgeshire 2, Essex 1, Huntingdonshire 1; Hertfordshire 1, Norfolk 2; Kent 1, Cambridgeshire 0. (Kent win tiebreak) South: Sussex 0, Hampshire 1, Surrey 2, Buckinghamshire 0; Middlesex 2, Berkshire 1. Midlands: Leicestershire 0, Warwickshire 2; Northamptonshire 2, Worcester 2; Bedfordshire 1, Bedford CHE 1; Staffordshire 5, Nottinghamshire 1; Shropshire 0, Derbyshire 0

MIDDLESEX CUP: Hendon 0, Polytechnic 0 (Hendon won 3-1 on penalties).

ICE SKATING

BUDAPEST: International figure-skating competition: Men: 1, B Borzano (US), 2pts; 2, C Mezhaers (Can), 5 2, 3, N Paterson (Can), 6. Women: 1, T Damagalla (US), 2, 2, C Wolf (WG), 6, 3, E Grossman (EG), 9.4. Ice dancing: 1, K Eng-Azzie Tom (Hun), 2; 2, E Meinicenko-Gennady Kashkov (USSR), 4.6; 3 S Calegare-Pasquale Camerlongo (It), 6 6.

JUDO

ESSEN: World championships: MEN: Open: N Ogawa (Japan) bt E Gordon (GB), waza-ari. Bronze medal bouts: N Soshir (EG) bt M Rashwan (Egypt, ret), G Fis-Castro (Cuba) bt C Batashev (USSR), ippon. Bantamweight: Y Kim (S Korea) bt S Hosokawa (Japan), ippon. Bronze medal bouts: K Asano (US) bt S Pessoa (Br), yuko, P Roux (Fr) bt T Hanzlik, (USSR) ippon.

WOMEN: Bantamweight: Z Li (China) bt F Ezaki (Japan), yuko. Bronze medal bouts: J Gal (Netn) bt D Aneya (US), ippon. Yun Pin Chou (Taipei) bt M Porrier (Can), yuko. Open: F Gao (China) bt I Berghmans (Bel), yuko. Bronze medal bouts: K Kurz (WG) bt I de Kok (Neth) decision, I Paque (Fr) bt N Sarron (P Rico), koka.

KARATE

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men's individual under 65kg: L Fairclough (gold); M Coulter (silver), C Williams, M Greenherd (bronzes). Under 75kg: A Paul (gold), W Ono (silver); A Wildy, and C Williams (bronzes) Over 75kg: M Salesman (gold); E Cannington (silver), I Coles and E Hamilton (bronzes).

RUGBY UNION

BEDFORDSHIRE CUP: Second round: Stockwood Park 27, Biggleswade 3

GIROBANK KENT CUP: Second round: Beckenham 26, Vigo 6; Folkestone 10, Dartfordians 6; Gravesend 25, Midland Bank 19, Maidstone 20, Dover 0; Medway 18, Thanet Wanderers 3, New Ash Green 6, Old Judokans 12, Old Brockleians 6, Old Dunsonians 8 (Old Dunsonians win on try count); Gokenhits 6, Bleckheath 50; Metropolitan Police (Hayes) 3, Old Beccehamians 25; NatWest Bank 0, Westcombe Park 45; Sidcup 3, Sidcup 25

LEICESTERSHIRE CUP: Second round: Hinckley 32, New Parks 0; Kibworth 23, Oakham 6; Leicester University 6, Birstall 7; Old Newtonians 13, Loughborough 23; Stoneygate 28, Melton Mowbray 0; Syston 4, Aylestone St James 18, Vipers 11, Oadby-Wyggestonians 4

NORTH MIDLANDS CUP: First round: Kings Norton 20, Bournville 3; Shrewsbury 3, Hereford 24

WARWICKSHIRE CUP: Second round: Barker's Butts 3, Coventry Welsh 7; Old Leamingtonians 7, Old Wheatleyans 0; Leamington 18, GEC Coventry 17.

SURREY CUP: Second round: King's College Hospital 7, Old Wandsworthians 25; Raynes Park 6, Camberley 8 (Camberley win on try count)

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Reading 28, Bournemouth 16.

INTER COUNTIES UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Berkshire 6, Buckinghamshire 4; Hertfordshire 6, Eastern Counties 14, Middlesex 17, Army 6.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Arnold 8, Cowley 7; Aylesbury GS 4, High Wycombe RGS 6; Bishop's 3, King's, Worcester 26; Bancroft's 7, Eltham 6; Bearwood 0, Perrepont 19; Bethany 10, Chatham House 0; Bishop Vesey's 11, King Henry VIII, Coventry 0; Brighton 13, Worth 3; Bristol GS 12, Marling 6; Bromsgrove 11, Ellesmere 8; Broxbourne 4, Wrekenside 38, Cheltenham 12, Marlborough 12; Chelsfield 5 and Sidcup GS 27, St Joseph's Academy 6, Christ, Brecon 6, Clifton 6, Colfe's 28, Langley Park 0; Colston's 3, Monkton Combe 20, Cranleigh 6, Wellington (Berkshire) 16, Dartford GS 14, Maidstone GS 32; Dean Close 12, King Edward's 7, Denstone 3, Rydal 10; Downside 9, Taunton 16, Duke of York's RMS 30, Sir Roger Manwood's 3, Dulwich 8, Christ's Hospital 10, Durham 13, Newcastle RGS 9, Eastbourne 8, St John's, Leatherhead 10; Edinburgh Academy 36, George Watson's 10, Emanuel 8, Campion 20; Embley Park 11, Stanbridge Earls 8, Enfield GS 13, Goffs 4, Felsted 3, The Leys 8; Framlingham 10, Colchester RGS 4, Guildford RGS 3, John Fisher 4, Harrogate GS 14, Hippenholme GS 20, Harrow 19, Haileybury 3, Judd 11, Skinner's 7, Kelly 7, Plymouth 7, King's, Macclesfield 22, Newcastle-under-Lyme 3, Kent College 6, King's, Rochester 18; King Edward's, Birmingham 15, Loughborough GS 34, Leeds GS 20, Stonyhurst 7; Lord Wandsworth 10, Reading 17, Magdalen CS, Oxford 21, Lord Williams's, Thame 9, Millfield 16, Monmouth 7, Mill Hill 3, Stowe 4; Milton Abbey 11, Aldenham 16, Oakham 16, Bedford Modern 7, Oratory 10, Eton 14; Pangbourne 6, St Bartholomew's, Newbury 14, Pate's GS 24, Queen Elizabeth Hospital 3, Repton 3, Sir Peter's, York 10, Portsmouth GS 34, Churchers 0; Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 4, Dasborough 21, Queen Mary's, Walsall 24, Solihull 0, Radley 6, Sherborne 6, Rossall 3, Sedbergh 3, Royal Latin 4, Bloxham 18, Rugby 29, Bedford 6; St Dunstan's 22, NCS, Wimbledon 0; St Edmund's, Ware 21, Berkhamsted 6; St George's, Harpenden 33, Chesnunt 0; St George's, Weybridge 21, Wrekin 14; St Lawrence, Ramsgate 8, Dover 6, St Olave's 0, St Mary's, Sidcup 11; Seaford 9, Hurstpierpoint 6, Sevenoaks 24, Merchant Taylor's, Northwood 3, Tonbridge 30, King's, Canterbury 7, Trinity, Croydon 6, Wimbledon 0; UCS 28, St Ignatius 0, Wallington HS 31, City Freemans 0, Warwick 3, Trent 27; Wellington (Somerset) 18, Old Boys 7; Wells Cathedral 16, King's, Bruton 6, Woodbridge 13, Culford 13, Worksop 3, Nottingham HS 11, Wymondham 18, St Joseph's, Ipswich 10

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Noel Bruce Cup: Semi-finals: Malvern (M and P Nicholls) bt Tonbridge (J and A Spurling) 18-18, 15-0, 15-3, 9-15, 5-15, 15-5, 15-7; Radley (J Male and J Snow) bt Harrow (C Hue Williams and J Prenn) 15-3, 15-12, 15-4, 17-14. Final: Radley bt Malvern 15-12, 15-4, 15-11, 18-17.

SHOW JUMPING

BERLIN: FEI Volvo World Cup standings: 1, W-J van der Schans (Neth), 37pts; 2, Vangeenberghe, 25; 3, R Ehrens (Neth), 22, 4, L Edgar (GB), 22. Other GB placing: 9, M Pyrah, 15.

SPEED SKATING

HEEREVEEN, The Netherlands Men's World Cup meeting: Leading overall positions: 500m: 1, K Tae Bae (S Kor), 50pts, 2, K Khurntonov (USSR), 44, 3, B Repnin (USSR), 38 1,000m: 1, Repnin 25; 2, J Dominik (Pol), 22, 3, Tae Bae 20. 1,500m: 1, A Hoffmann (EG), 25; 2, De Adeberg (EG), 22; 3, R Falk-Larssen (Nor), 5,000m: 1, G Karlstad (Nor),

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Venables plans to waste no time

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Terry Venables, the deposed "king" of Catalonia, stepped on to his new throne in north London yesterday and immediately announced his ambition to usurp the crown heads of England. He plans initially to lift Tottenham Hotspur on to the same level as Liverpool, the domestic champions six times in the last nine years, and then above them.

He will be offered a comparison, if not confirmation of the progress he must make, much earlier than he would have preferred. His opening fixture in charge of a side who have lost six and drawn two of their last eight games happens to be against Liverpool at White Hart Lane on Saturday.

He appreciates that "it could be exactly what we need or exactly what we don't need". If Tottenham do become the first club to defeat Liverpool this season, the injection of confidence will instantly ease the task that lies ahead of David Pleat's successor.

If not, the process of rebuilding Tottenham's stature will be delayed if not damaged. Since they are omitted from the following weekend's programme, Venables could have chosen to start at the beginning of the fortnight's break and used it as though it was a convenient build-up in mid-season.

"I haven't got that luxury," he said to a collection of media representatives that would not have been significantly larger in Barcelona's Nou Camp. "There's a lot of work to do and we have to do it quickly. The spirit in the squad is happy enough but the team has to be improved."

Having seen the evidence of Tottenham's early form on video, he feels that "even when we were winning, we weren't playing as well as the side or the club would have liked. We have to find what the difference is between now and last season when they played exceptionally well."

The most obvious change is the absence of Hoddle but Venables refuted suggestions that England's gifted international might be on the verge of returning to the stage he once graced. "I wouldn't have thought there is a chance of that. He's at the top of the French League with Monaco and is performing well out there."

The back four has also lost the assurance of Gough and Tottenham's reformation will open, as Venables says, "at the beginning and that is in defence. If it is not organized, you are going to give away goals. To be successful, you have to have a solid basis."

He cited the examples of Arsenal, Liverpool and Queen's Park Rangers, whose foundation is their tight security. Yet, even though he aims to assemble a similarly strong protective barrier, he respects Tottenham's stylish traditions in which he himself once played an active part.

But he can foresee a potential problem. "We have to accept that the game has changed dramatically. It is faster now, more physical and more athletic. There is less space in which to play. As well as maintaining our own standards of high quality, we can't afford to get left behind."

Venables believes that England often underestimates the power of its own football. The Spanish touch may be finer but they fear the physical and mental strength shown here. "They don't know how to handle a tough game. We do and the national side is demonstrating that, with some skill, it can be successful.

"It is difficult to achieve but not impossible. Liverpool have done it. We must think of catching them first before we can overtake them. On Saturday we could learn more in one game than we could in five or six.

Irving Scholar, Tottenham's chairman, stated that Venables, whose contract stretches over three years, will be provided with financial support. When he added that no money had yet been requested, his manager replied: "But it's early. It is only three o'clock." Scholar pointed out that the banks would be closed in half an hour.



Pulling for Tottenham: TV switches on to his new job on the training ground and (inset) with the Press yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Leicester gain

Leicester City turned a loss of £411,000 in 1986 into a profit of £277,000 last season despite being relegated. The sale of Alan Smith to Arsenal for £800,000 put Leicester back into the black, but Terry Shipman, the chairman, said in his annual report: "Whatever else happened during the season can only be secondary to the tragedy of relegation." Leicester reduced an operating deficit without transfer fees of £317,000 in 1986 to £174,000.

United frustrated

Alex Ferguson has been frustrated again in his search for a top-class defender. Steve Bruce, of Norwich City, was the Manchester United manager's latest target but he will not pay the £1 million price.

Ferguson said: "I would have been interested in Bruce at a realistic price." United are desperate to sign a centre back because of an injury to their key defender, Paul McGrath.

● Derby County want to sign Niall Quinn, Arsenal's Republic of Ireland forward but may find the asking price exceeding £500,000 beyond them.

● Leicester City have granted a transfer request to their unsettled midfield player, Ally Mauchlen.

● Alan Judge, the Oxford United goalkeeper, who has been with Cardiff City since Graham Moseley broke an arm, has had his loan period renewed for another month.

● Greg Campbell, aged 22, the West Ham United reserve forward, has joined Sparta Rotterdam on an 18 month contract.

Carter full of hope for return

Phil Carter, the Football League president, last night forecast that English club sides will be back in Europe next season. And the Everton chairman believes his club's centenary challenge against Bayern Munich, the West German champions, at Goodison Park tomorrow can help end the exile.

"It's a very good opportunity to show European clubs they can come here without any difficulty," Carter said.

"It's an important element in the argument that I have to produce to UEFA in February.

"I've already made it clear to Jaques Georges, the UEFA president, that we must have a decision before the European championship finals. We can't wait until after the draw. It would also be wrong if they make conditions involving behaviour of England supporters in the finals. If you wait long enough, you will find a situation which will not enable us to get back."

Football bodies to ask for police moderation

By Ian Stafford

At Highbury last Saturday, Chris Nicholl, the Southampton manager, was admonished by a senior police officer after he had ventured on to the pitch — first to greet Danny Wallace's winning goal against Arsenal and then when the final whistle was blown.

This is only the most recent example of police intervention into activities on the field of play and it could not have fallen at a more topical time.

This morning, at the Manchester headquarters of the Players' Football Association (PFA), the sport's official bodies will meet the police to discuss the very matter of escalating police involvement, which has been causing anxiety over the past two years.

Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the PFA, who with Ted Croker, the Football Association's secretary, instigated the meeting, is gravely concerned by recent developments.

"It could get to the stage when a referee, before he books somebody, could warn the player that anything he says could be taken down and used in evidence against him," he said.

"It is an inflammatory situation and I do not know how far it could go. But it would be a bad precedent if a referee has to look over his shoulder every time he makes a decision."

The most significant incident happened during ill-tempered scenes at Ibrox last month when three Rangers players — Terry Butcher, Chris Woods and Graham Roberts — and Celtic's Frank McAvennie were all charged with behaviour likely to cause a breach of peace.

They are all due to appear in court at a date yet to be arranged.

"What happened at Rangers really stimulated our meeting with the police," Andy Williamson, the Football League's spokesman, said. Graham Kelly, his secretary, will be at this morning's meeting.

"It is crucial that we do not go down the same road as Scotland. We have to make sure our own house is in order and stop over-zealous police officers from taking premature action. We have got to establish a common-sense approach."

David Phillips, the assistant chief constable of Greater Manchester, is prepared to listen to all arguments in his capacity as a representative for the Association of Chief Police Officers but remarked: "Players can incense the worst elements of the crowd into violent conduct and at certain grounds the game can become highly politicized.

"A crowd's behaviour can be full of symbolism and there is no doubt that aggression on the pitch is shown in the crowd."

Carter calls bluff of Maxwell

Robert Maxwell's threat to withdraw from negotiations for the purchase of Watford Football Club has left Phillip Carter unimpressed. As League president, Carter will chair a management committee debate on Maxwell's football interests on Thursday but remains philosophical about the millionaire publisher's intention to abandon his £2 million purchase of the club from Elton John unless the League sanctions it.

"This is a typical Maxwell tactic and it just rolls off my back," Carter said.

● Clive Middlemass, the Bristol City assistant manager and coach has emerged as clear favourite for the manager's job at Carlisle United.

● Two FA Cup second round ties being staged by clubs in the GM Vauxhall Conference have been switched to Sunday December 6 at the request of the police. They are Macclesfield's game with Rotherham and Northwich Victoria's tie against Blackpool.

END COLUMN

Golden days losing lustre

By Steve Acteson

Rex Williams, the chairman of snooker's ruling body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), believes the game has reached saturation point on British television. Moreover, he would be happy to see less snooker in Britain, a view that would be shared by the millions who believe snooker is merely a substitute for Valium.

Williams's comments are the first admission by a leading snooker official — and still a player and an ITV commentator — that the golden days might be losing their lustre. A millionaire in his own right from his business interests in the leisure industry, Williams refused to resign his post as chairman in September, after a vote of no confidence had realised a 5-1 majority against him by his fellow board members.

That vote stemmed mainly from Williams's close links with the leading manager, Barry Hearn, who uses Williams as a commentator for his World Series events, and Williams was also the voice of the Matchroom's Champion of Champions tournament in Southend two weeks ago that was shown in Britain and Europe on Super Channel.

Williams's latest words may undermine his position further, but they must also be seen as far-sighted. For although snooker is sport's success story of the last decade, and even while its rapid advance may not yet have been checked, it would still be the smart move to introduce fail-safe measures now rather than later.

Four overseas ranking events

Last season live audiences were up, by varying degrees, at all the major tournaments. Last January ITV achieved a personal record of 15.2 million viewers for the final of the Mercantile Credit Classic between Steve Davis and Jimmy White.

Yet, writing in Newsbreak, the WPBSA's house journal, Williams, after first reflecting on the body's determination to spread snooker world-wide — four overseas ranking tournaments are planned for 1988 — he comments: "I am very keen to spread snooker all over the globe. My only fear is that we must get it right when it comes to UK television, and the possible effect of more snooker on our screens.

"I feel that snooker in the UK has reached saturation point on television, and we must keep the summer months free from snooker coverage. These new tournaments, especially Australia and Hong Kong, would almost certainly have to be staged in the summer. I would not like to see any major coverage of these overseas events on our TV — all-year snooker would be detrimental.

"A highlight package lasting say, an hour, might be acceptable, or the screening of a 147 would be okay. But not day-by-day coverage. There are some of my colleagues on the board who have said that the British public can't get enough of snooker. I disagree. We must protect the game for the future and the younger players coming through.

"In fact, I would be happy if less snooker was seen in this country. Other sports like snooker suffered by over-exposure. We must ensure snooker does not go the same way."

Snooker top for television viewers

Snooker topped the league of 20 sports for viewing hours for 1986. In all, the BBC and ITV devoted 394 hours to the green baize, with cricket second with 335 hours, horse-racing with 275 hours, and soccer with 262. Tennis followed with 188 hours, golf with 148, athletics with 131, and bowls with 112. These were the only sports with more than a century of viewing hours.

Williams's views, however, are not shared by Del Simmons, the contract negotiator for the WPBSA, whose job it is to sell more of the game rather than less. Simmons said: "I would say that it is important to show proper coverage of overseas tournaments to show that we are becoming a truly international sport and, like all tournaments, the point is to build up to a winner.

"I remember people saying three or four years ago that we should not over-kill and we should watch what we do. But we have always done that, because we sit down with BBC and ITV and think it all through."

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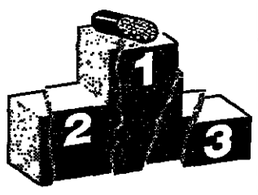
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Body-builders not tested at events

By John Goodbody



Drug-testing is not being carried out in British body-building competitions, although officials of the two leading governing bodies admit that it is unfortunately widespread in the activity.

Neither the English Federation of Body-Builders (EFBB) nor the National Amateur Body-Building Association (NABBA) is recognized by the Sports Council and therefore would not have drug-testing fully subsidized by the Government as is commonplace in other sports.

As *The Times* revealed last week, much of the multi-million pound illegal trade in hormone drugs is aimed at the increasing number of body-builders through a network of suppliers, using advertisements and personal contacts.

Wag Bennett, president of the EFBB, said yesterday: "If we had the money we would test in all competitions. But at the moment it costs £26 a time and this is a drain on our resources."

He said that the only testing that has been carried out is for competitors going abroad for major competitions. Last year 17 were carried out, using the Drug Control Centre at Kings College, London University, which is supported by the Government. Three were positive.

"We have done this because we must have a drug-free team for those international events where drug-testing is being carried out. Last November we sent a team to Tokyo at a cost of £10,000. If anyone had been positive in Tokyo, it would have been a waste of money our sending the person out there," Bennett said.

But he pointed out that at the recent world championships the top 50 men were all tested and no one was positive. "I think people were frightened off taking drugs because they knew tests were taking place. As a result the standard was not as high."

The Federation has 10,000 members. But this excludes hundreds of thousands of non-competitive body-builders, who only join an organization when they want to enter a major event.

Oscar Heidenstam, for 33 years secretary of NABBA, which has a similar membership, says: "We simply cannot afford to have drug tests although I would like to see every competitor tested.

"I would estimate that 80 per cent of the top body-builders are taking drugs but there is nothing we can do about it. I have been carrying out a crusade against it for 20 years and it has made me very disenchanted because it is the very opposite of the health and fitness we are trying to promote. But you either have to get out or live with it — and I do not want to get out."

A spokesman for the Sports Council confirmed that no body-building organization was entitled to have all drug-testing fully subsidized. But he added: "We recognize the increasing popularity of the activity and would be prepared to consider an application."

Turn for Thorne to suffer

By Steve Acteson

Willie Thorne's maximum 147 break was just a memory at the start of his fifth round Tennents United Kingdom snooker championship match against Dene O'Kane yesterday (Steve Acteson writes).

O'Kane, began with breaks of 38, 63, 32, and then 107 in frame three, to lead 3-0 in the best of 17 frames contest as Thorne could not rediscover the brilliant form he displayed when beating Tommy Murphy. But the New Zealander then squandered a gilt-edged chance to take the fourth frame when he left the final black hanging over the top pocket.

Thorne also captured the fifth frame and, although O'Kane edged him out on the black in frame six, Thorne replied in kind in the seventh, to trail by one.

Mike Hallett also began well, with breaks of 30, 32 and 72 on his way to a 6-0 advantage against Danny Fowler before the outsider chalked his way onto the scoreboard with a break of 63.

RESULTS: Fifth round: D O'Kane (NZ) leads W Thorne (Eng), 4-3. Frame scores: (Thorne first): 22-101, 18-61, 0-107, 62-59, 68-38, 64-66, 66-58. M Hallett (Eng) leads D Fowler (Eng), 6-1. Frame Scores (Hallett first): 65-29, 86-15, 73-9, 65-60, 67-56, 70-41, 0-79. Sunday's late results: J Parrott (Eng) bt T Knowles (Eng), 9-4. Frame scores: (Knowles first): 41-101, 17-73, 38-58, 38-54, 36-70, 55-5, 69-18, 82-17, 0-77, 106-7, 1-93, 50-59, 24-61. T Griffiths (Wal) bt S Francisco (SA), 9-3. Frame scores: (Griffiths first): 73-29, 43-55, 63-54, 54-16, 105-15, 96-14, 64-53, 101-14, 1-89, 88-37, 11-49, 98-12.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Entries galore

A record 52,029 entries have so far been received for the Mars London marathon, to be run on April 17, and after sifting, Chris Brasher, the race organizer, expects to announce a world record number of starters — close to 30,000.

"We have been able to accept more race entries than ever before. In fact, we are accepting more runners than any other marathon in the world. Sadly, though, we still have to reject two out of every three entries," he said.

Botham scare

Adelaide (Reuter) — Ian Botham, the England all-rounder, nearly tasted his first defeat since his arrival in Australia when Queensland lost seven wickets — Botham went for 10 and the captain, Allan Border, 25 — in the final session of their Sheffield Shield cricket match against South Australia yesterday. The home side declared their second innings at 209 for three but Queensland held on at 210 for eight and the game was drawn.



Resch: broken leg

Resch injured

Salzburg (Reuter) — Erwin Resch, one of Austria's leading downhill skiers, broke a leg and strained his ankle ligaments in training yesterday and will be out of action for at least a month, an Austrian team spokesman said here.

Aid to sport

Tesco, the supermarket chain, yesterday said it would be donating £350,000 every year to the Sports Aid Foundation.

Bubbling over

Whitbreads, the brewers, yesterday announced a sponsorship deal worth more than £60,000 to Sussex County Cricket Club over the next three years.

Queueing up

Barry Hearn has joined the queue of boxing promoters with plans for Barry McGuigan's future. The snooker impressario, Hearn, wants to match the Irishman with Jeff Fenech, of Australia, the World Boxing Council super-bantamweight champion.

Brew moves

Robin Brew, the captain of Britain's swimming team at the Los Angeles Olympics and who has switched his sporting allegiance to triathlon, has been appointed staff coach at a new Centre of Excellence to be set up at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

No to sin bin

Welsh rugby referees do not want the sin bin introduced next season. They want a booking system like that applied to football. Malcolm Thomas, secretary of the Cardiff and District Referees' Society and a WRU referees' adviser, said yesterday that Cardiff referees voted heavily against the sin bin and suggested a totting up system whereby players are cautioned and suspended after they have been booked.